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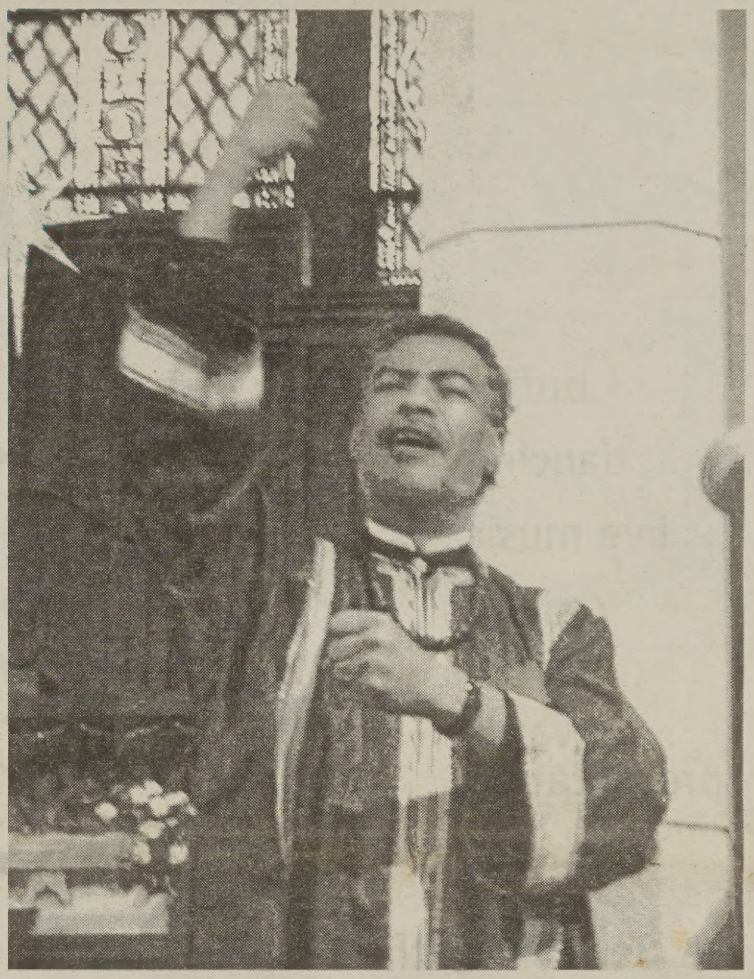

Chicago Black Lesbians and Gays' 5th Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Breakfast attracted a record number of attendees this year, including representatives from a wide variety of community groups. From top: Sign language interpreter Pastor Tom Ford of Church of the Open Door, where the event was held Monday, interprets "Lift Every Voice And Sing." Evette Washington of the Oak Park Area Women's Drumming Circle. And performer Bruce Edwards.

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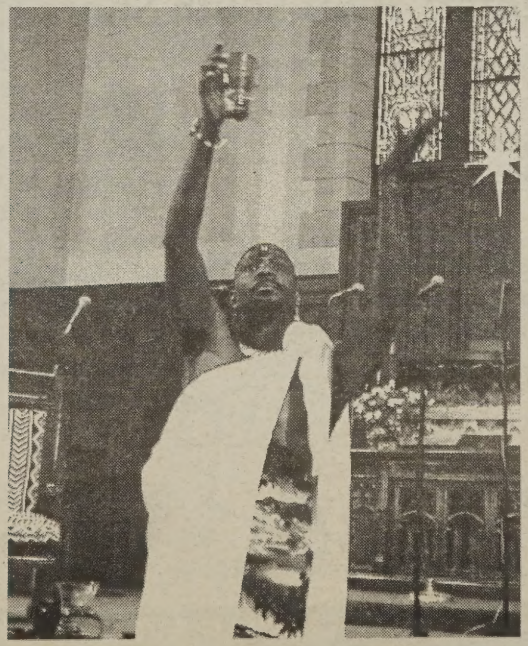

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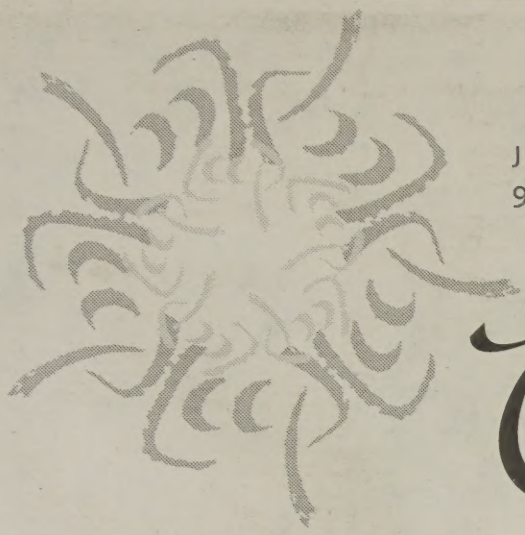

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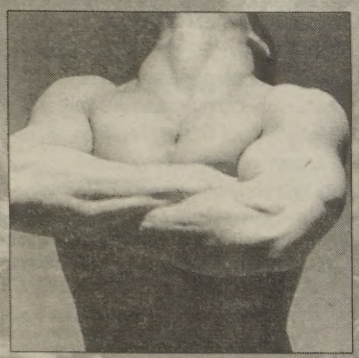

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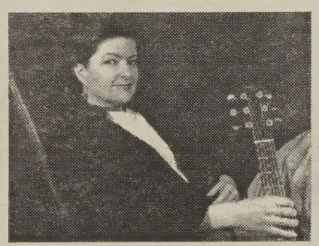

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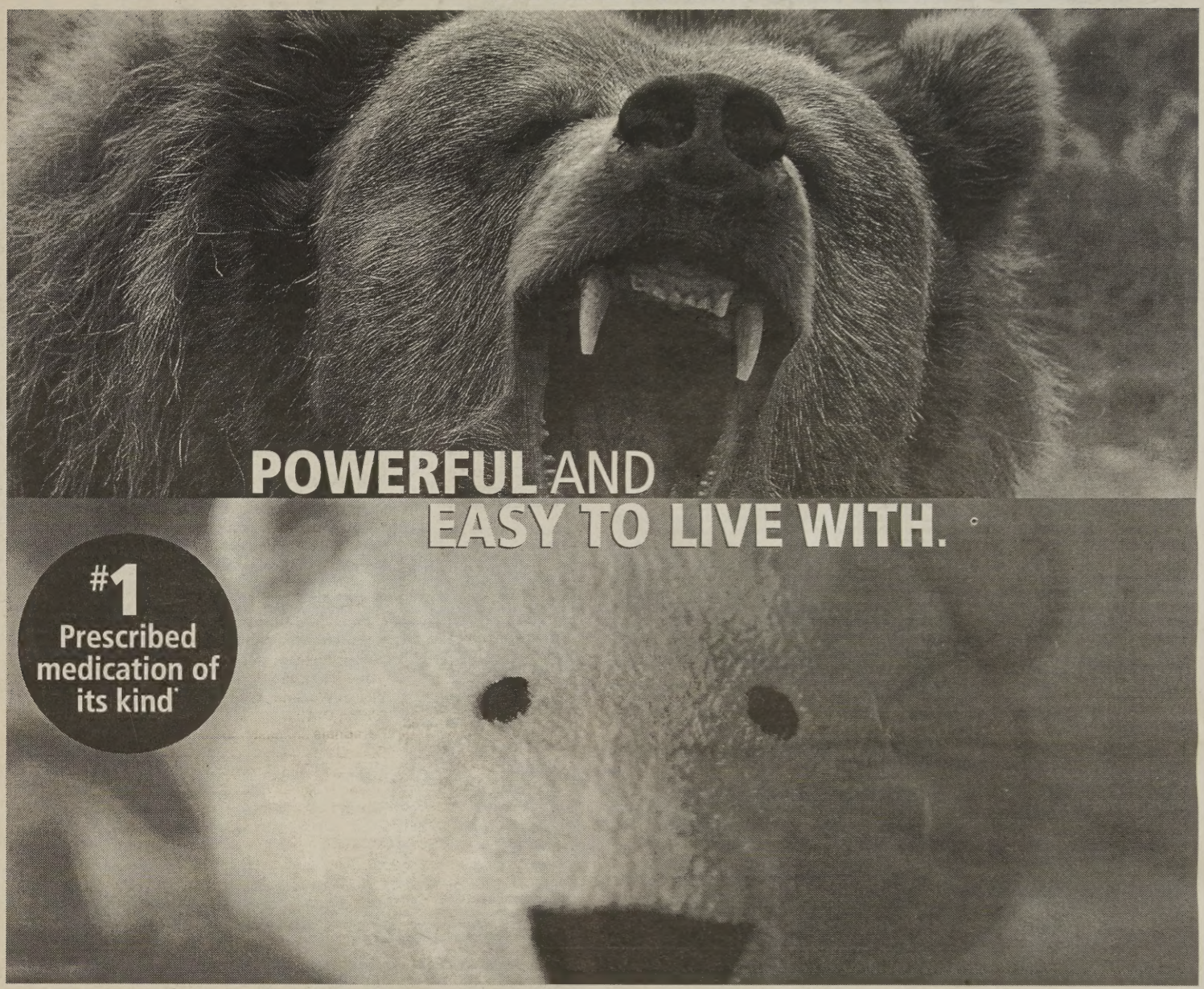

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Please read this information carefully before taking VIRACEPT. Also, please read this leaflet each time you renew the prescription, just in case anything has changed. This is a summary and not a replacement for a careful discussion with your doctor. You and your doctor should discuss VIRACEPT when you start taking this medication and at regular checkups. You should remain under a doctor's care when taking VIRACEPT and should not change or stop treatment without first talking with your doctor.

WHAT IS VIRACEPT AND HOW DOES IT WORK?

VIRACEPT is used in the treatment of people with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection. Infection with HIV leads to the destruction of CD4 T cells, which are important to the immune system. After a large number of CD4 cells have been destroyed, the infected person develops acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS).

VIRACEPT works by blocking HIV protease (a protein-cutting enzyme), which is required for HIV to multiply. VIRACEPT has been shown to significantly reduce the amount of HIV in the blood. You should be aware, however, that the effect of VIRACEPT on HIV in the blood has not been correlated with long-term health benefits. Patients who took VIRACEPT also had significant increases in their CD4 cell count.

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VIRACEPT may be taken by adults, adolescents, and children 2 years of age or older. Studies in infants younger than 2 years of age are now taking place.

DOES VIRACEPT CURE HIV OR AIDS?

VIRACEPT is not a cure for HIV infection or AIDS. The long-term effects of VIRACEPT are not known at this time. People taking VIRACEPT may still develop opportunistic infections or other conditions associated with HIV infection. Some of these conditions are pneumonia, herpes virus infections, *Mycobacterium avium* complex (MAC) infections, and Kaposi's sarcoma.

It is not known whether VIRACEPT will help you live longer or reduce the number of infections or other illnesses that may occur.

There is no proof that VIRACEPT can reduce the risk of transmitting HIV to others through sexual contact or blood contamination.

WHO SHOULD OR SHOULD NOT TAKE VIRACEPT?

Together with your doctor, you need to decide whether VIRACEPT is appropriate for you. In making your decision, the following should be considered:

Allergies: If you have had a serious allergic reaction to VIRACEPT, you must not take VIRACEPT. You should also inform your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist of any known allergies to substances such as other medicines, foods, preservatives, or dyes.

If you are pregnant: The effects of VIRACEPT on pregnant women or their unborn babies are not known. If you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant, you should tell your doctor before taking VIRACEPT.

If you are breast-feeding: You should discuss with your doctor the best way to feed your baby. You should be aware that if your baby does not already have HIV, there is a chance that it can be transmitted through breast-feeding. **Women should not breast-feed if they have HIV.**

Children: VIRACEPT is available for the treatment of children 2 through 13 years of age with HIV. There is a powder form of VIRACEPT that can be mixed with milk, baby formula, or foods like pudding. Instructions on how to take VIRACEPT powder can be found in a later section that discusses how VIRACEPT Oral Powder should be prepared.

If you have liver disease: VIRACEPT has not been studied in people with liver disease. If you have liver disease, you should tell your doctor before taking VIRACEPT.

Other medical problems: Certain medical problems may affect the use of VIRACEPT. Some people taking protease inhibitors have developed new or more serious diabetes or high blood sugar. Some people with hemophilia have had increased bleeding. It is not known whether the protease inhibitors caused these problems. Be sure to tell your doctor if you have hemophilia types A and B, diabetes mellitus, or an increase in thirst and/or frequent urination.

CAN VIRACEPT BE TAKEN WITH OTHER MEDICATIONS?

VIRACEPT may interact with other drugs, including those you take without a prescription. You must discuss with your doctor any drugs that you are taking or are planning to take before you take VIRACEPT.

Drugs you should not take with VIRACEPT:

- Seldane® (terfenadine, for allergies)
- Hismanal® (astemizole, for allergies)
- Propulsid® (cisapride, for heartburn)
- Cordarone® (amiodarone, for irregular heartbeat)
- Quinidine (for irregular heartbeat), also known as Quinaglute®, Cardioquin®, Quinidex®, and others
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- Halcion® (triazolam)
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Taking the above drugs with VIRACEPT may cause serious and/or life-threatening adverse events.

- Rifampin (for tuberculosis), also known as Rimactane®, Rifadin®, Rifater®, or Rifamate®

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Dose reduction required if you take VIRACEPT with:

Mycobutin® (rifabutin, for MAC); you will need to take a lower dose of Mycobutin.

A change of therapy should be considered if you are taking VIRACEPT with:

- Phenobarbital
- Phenytoin (Dilantin® and others)
- Carbamazepine (Tegretol® and others)

These agents may reduce the amount of VIRACEPT in your blood and make it less effective.

- Oral contraceptives ("the pill")

If you are taking the pill to prevent pregnancy, you should use a different type of contraception since VIRACEPT may reduce the effectiveness of oral contraceptives.

HOW SHOULD VIRACEPT BE TAKEN WITH OTHER ANTI-HIV DRUGS?

Taking VIRACEPT together with other anti-HIV drugs increases their ability to fight the virus. It also reduces the opportunity for resistant viruses to grow. Based on your history of taking other anti-HIV medicine, your doctor will direct you on how to take VIRACEPT and other anti-HIV medicines. These drugs should be taken in a certain order or at specific times. This will depend on how many times a day each medicine should be taken. It will also depend on whether it should be taken with or without food.

Nucleoside analogues: No drug interaction problems were seen when VIRACEPT was given with:

- Retrovir (zidovudine, AZT)
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If you are taking both Videx (ddI) and VIRACEPT: Videx should be taken without food, on an empty stomach. Therefore, you should take VIRACEPT with food one hour after or more than two hours before you take Videx.

Nonnucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors (NNRTIs):

When VIRACEPT is taken together with:

- Viramune® (nevirapine)

The amount of VIRACEPT in your blood may be reduced. Studies are now taking place to learn about the safety of combining VIRACEPT with Viramune.

- Other NNRTIs

VIRACEPT has not been studied with other NNRTIs.

Other protease inhibitors:

When VIRACEPT is taken together with:

- Crixivan® (indinavir)

The amount of both drugs in your blood may be increased. Currently, there are no safety and efficacy data available from the use of this combination.

- Norvir™ (ritonavir)

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- Invirase® (saquinavir)

The amount of saquinavir in your blood may be increased. If used in combination with saquinavir hard gelatin capsules at 600 mg three times daily, no dose adjustments are needed. Currently, there are no safety and efficacy data available from the use of this combination.

WHAT ARE THE SIDE EFFECTS OF VIRACEPT?

Like all medicines, VIRACEPT can cause side effects. Most of the side effects experienced with VIRACEPT have been mild to moderate. Diarrhea is the most common side effect in people taking VIRACEPT, and most adult patients had at least mild diarrhea at some point during treatment. In clinical studies, about 20% of patients receiving VIRACEPT 750 mg (three tablets) three times daily had four or more loose stools a day. In most cases, diarrhea can be controlled using antidiarrheal medicines, such as Imodium® A-D (loperamide) and others, which are available without a prescription.

Other side effects that occurred in 2% or more of patients receiving VIRACEPT include abdominal pain, asthenia, nausea, flatulence, and rash.

There were other side effects noted in clinical studies that occurred in less than 2% of patients receiving VIRACEPT. However, these side effects may have been due to other drugs that patients were taking or to the illness itself. Except for diarrhea, there were not many differences in side effects in patients who took VIRACEPT along with other drugs compared with those who took only the other drugs. For a complete list of side effects, ask your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist.

HOW SHOULD I TAKE VIRACEPT?

VIRACEPT is available only with your doctor's prescription. The light blue VIRACEPT Tablets should be taken three times a day. VIRACEPT should always be taken with a meal or a light snack. You do **not** have to take VIRACEPT exactly every 8 hours. Instead, you can take it at normal times when you are eating.

Take VIRACEPT exactly as directed by your doctor. Do not increase or decrease any dose or the number of doses per day. Also, take this medicine for the exact period of time that your doctor has instructed. **Do not stop taking VIRACEPT without first consulting with your doctor, even if you are feeling better.**

Only take medicine that has been prescribed specifically for you. Do not give VIRACEPT to others or take medicine prescribed for someone else.

The dosing of VIRACEPT may be different for you than for other patients. **Follow the directions from your doctor, exactly as written on the label.** The amount of VIRACEPT in the blood should remain somewhat consistent over time. Missing doses will cause the concentration of VIRACEPT to decrease; therefore, **you should not miss any doses.** However, if you miss a dose, you should take the dose as soon as possible and then take your next scheduled dose and future doses as originally scheduled.

Dosing in adults (including children 14 years of age and older)

The recommended adult dose of VIRACEPT is 750 mg (three tablets) taken three times a day. Each dose should be taken with a meal or light snack.

Dosing in children 2 through 13 years of age

The VIRACEPT dose in children depends on their weight. The recommended dose is 20 to 30 mg/kg (or 9 to 14 mg/pound) per dose, taken three times daily with a meal or light snack. This can be administered either in tablet form or, in children unable to take tablets, as VIRACEPT Oral Powder.

Dose instructions will be provided by the child's doctor. The dose will be given three times daily using the measuring scoop provided, a measuring teaspoon, or one or more tablets depending on the weight and age of the child. The amount of oral powder or tablets to be given to a child is described in the chart below.

Pediatric Dose to Be Administered Three Times Daily

Body Weight Kg	Body Weight Lb	Number of Level Scoops*	Number of Level Teaspoons†	Number of Tablets
7 to < 8.5	15.5 to <18.5	4	1	-
8.5 to <10.5	18.5 to <23	5	1¼	-
10.5 to <12	23 to <26.5	6	1½	-
12 to <14	26.5 to <31	7	1¾	-
14 to <16	31 to <35	8	2	-
16 to <18	35 to <39.5	9	2¼	-
18 to <23	39.5 to <50.5	10	2½	2
≥23	≥50.5	15	3¾	3

In measuring oral powder, the scoop or teaspoon should be level.

* 1 level scoop contains 50 mg of VIRACEPT. Use only the scoop provided with your VIRACEPT bottle.

† 1 level teaspoon contains 200 mg of VIRACEPT. Note: **A measuring teaspoon used for dispensing medication** should be used for measuring VIRACEPT Oral Powder. Ask your pharmacist to make sure you have a medication dispensing teaspoon.

How should VIRACEPT Oral Powder be prepared?

The oral powder may be mixed with a small amount of water, milk, formula, soy formula, soy milk, dietary supplements, or dairy foods such as pudding or ice cream. Once mixed, the entire amount must be taken to obtain the full dose.

Do **not** mix the powder with any acidic food or juice, such as orange or grapefruit juice, apple juice, or apple sauce, because this may create a bitter taste.

Once the powder is mixed, it may be stored at room temperature or refrigerated for up to 6 hours. Do **not** heat the mixed dose once it has been prepared.

Do **not** add water to bottles of oral powder.

VIRACEPT powder is supplied with a scoop for measuring. For help in determining the exact dose of powder for your child, please ask your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist.

VIRACEPT Oral Powder contains aspartame, a low-calorie sweetener, and therefore should not be taken by children with phenylketonuria (PKU).

HOW SHOULD VIRACEPT BE STORED?

Keep VIRACEPT and all other medicines out of the reach of children. Keep bottle closed and store at room temperature (between 59°F and 86°F) away from sources of moisture such as a sink or other damp place. Heat and moisture may reduce the effectiveness of VIRACEPT.

Do not keep medicine that is out of date or that you no longer need. Be sure that if you throw any medicine away, it is out of the reach of children.

Discuss all questions about your health with your doctor. If you have questions about VIRACEPT or any other medication you are taking, ask your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist. You can also call 1.888.VIRACEPT (1.888.847.2237) toll free.

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Publisher's Corner

Marriage Deregulation

The fact that murderers, child abusers, rapists, armed robbers and unfaithful presidents can get marriage licenses kind of takes the fun out of it. It also points out that perhaps government has always been overstepping its role by sanctioning marriage.

Marriage is at its core a contract. But because of the religious influence on governments, it is also seen as a higher bond. Even the most progressive of our allies can not get around the topic of gay marriage. President and Hillary Clinton, their own marriage a sham, just can't get behind gays on the marriage issue.

Most say it boils down to being about the children. That argument is as shallow as Jerry Falwell's attack on Tinky Winky. There are millions of straight couples around the world who do not have children. And there are thousands of gay and lesbian couples in the U.S. who *do* have children. In addition, there are many single parents raising their kids.

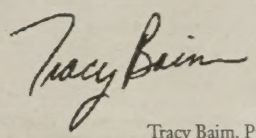
As a nation, we are torn between the right to privacy and the right to government-approved unions. If the government doesn't belong in our bedrooms, why do they belong in between our vows to one another? Ironically, the same right wingers who do believe the government should interfere in private sexual behavior think the government should deregulate practically every other aspect of life.

But how about we deregulate marriage itself? Marriage should be made purely a spiritual institution. Those getting married in their churches should have the option of registering as partners for legal issues. If two people are raising children together, own property, are supporting one another financially, or they need to be on the health insurance plan of their partner, they would have legal contracts covering those issues. If something were to happen to one of the partners, the other could have power of attorney. Wills could be drawn up covering inheritance and child custody.

Those things are all available today to straights and gays alike. That is the role of government, to oversee and enforce contracts between individuals and companies. The government doesn't belong in our bedrooms, monitoring our sexual behavior, our relationships as couples, or the raising of our children. When contracts are violated, the courts can step in.

Besides, the thousands of benefits of "marriage," whether conferred just on heterosexuals, or eventually given to gays and lesbians, are ultimately unfair to a huge segment of society: single people. Single people pay taxes, raise children, hold down jobs, etc. Why are there tax breaks for marriage?

The whole discriminatory system is a waste of government resources, and with a 50%+ failure rate, a government experiment well past its usefulness.



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Letters

Oak Park threats

In last week's OUTLINES, we reported on new threats, received via the U.S. mail, against both the Oak Park Area Lesbian and Gay Association and the Metropolitan Church of the Incarnation. The MCC decided to go public with the two new threats, one each received by the two groups. OPALGA followed the police and village leaders' urging to keep the letters under wraps. Following is a letter sent by OPALGA about the threats.

For the complete story on the newest anti-gay incidents in west suburban Oak Park, see OUTLINES' Jan. 12 issue, available online at www.outlineschicago.com

Recently, the Oak Park Area Lesbian and Gay Association and Metropolitan Community Church of the Incarnation received two letters that included threats against both organizations and their members. These threats require us to be ever vigilant against those who threaten harm to people because of their sexual orientation. In fact, all people in our village should be vigilant against anyone who employs hate speech about, or threats to, any minority group.

As the executive board of OPALGA, we strongly condemn those who espouse hate against any group and urge all fair-minded Oak Parkers to denounce hate and threats. When one group is threatened, we all are threatened. We live in a unique village which continues to be on the cutting edge of acknowledging and embracing diversity. OPALGA is fortunate to have such widespread community support.

We thank the Village of Oak Park for its strong stand against these threats. OPALGA representatives recently met with Village President Barbara Furlong, Trustee Joanne Trapani, Village Manager Carl Swenson, Community Relations Commission Chair Bob Milstein and Police Chief Joe Mendrick. Each one of these dedicated village officials committed to doing all they can to identify the perpetrator(s) of this hate speech and to take all necessary action to end these threats.

This is a very serious matter—and we are confident that our village officials will do all in their power to protect the health and safety of any person(s) threatened. We agreed on key action steps at this meeting. OPALGA looks forward to collaborating and partnering with village officials and concerned citizens in the continuing struggle to create a hate-free community.

We are fortunate to reside in Oak Park, where elected officials and staff support diversity. We ask for the continued support of all Oak Parkers.

Sincerely, OPALGA Board of Directors

Marriage vows

As states around the country continue to politicize the issue of legalizing gay marriage, many in the GLBT community continue to turn to their institutions of faith. The practice of union ceremonies to pledge commitment to life partners is becoming more common. Sadly, many individuals and denominations continue to condemn such ceremonies and, in some cases, prohibit their clergy from performing them. On the contrary, as a Unitarian Universalist and supporter of the GLBT community, I am proud to belong to a religion that recognizes and embraces gay and lesbian marriage throughout its churches.

Unitarian Universalists are guided, rather than governed, by the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). The UUA feels strongly about the acceptance of gay marriage. So strongly, in fact, that it has passed several resolutions on the issue. The first, passed in 1984, states in part: "The UUA affirms the growing practice of some of its ministers of conducting services of union of gay and lesbian couples and urges member societies to support their ministers in this important aspect of our movement's ministry to the gay and lesbian community." The most recent, passed in 1996, states in part: "Since marriage is a fundamental right, and because the U.S. Constitution guarantees equal protection under the law, we resolve that the State should permit gay and lesbian couples to marry and share fully and equally in the rights and responsibilities of marriage."

My own church, Second Unitarian (2U), in Lakeview has a long history of participation in the GLBT community, including performing union ceremonies. Dating as far back as the 1970s, 2U has joined many gay and lesbian couples in spiritual union. Our parish minister, Lynn Unger, approaches her role in performing marriage ceremonies earnestly and compassionately as she counsels both heterosexual and homosexual couples in preparation for their life commitment. Lynn and her partner, Kelsey, were also married at 2U in 1997.

Certainly there are beacons of hope as Pastor Gregory Dell at Broadway United Methodist and others continue to follow their conviction and strive for change within their own faith communities.

Still, I am deeply proud to belong to a church that so ardently and actively supports one of the basic rights of humankind ... the freedom to love whom one chooses to love. **Robin Toewe**

Trans space

Your article on The Debate Continues [about the womyn-born-womyn space of Mountain Moving Coffeehouse, discussed at a November forum at Horizons] strikes a chord on many sides. I truly enjoy the Coffeehouse and the comfort and joy I experience being surrounded only by sisters. Every other group has their "private gatherings," why can't we? The points made by [Jackie[Anderson and [Anne] Leighton are very true and if Lynnell Long really wanted to cause the Coffeehouse to change its policy, I would have hoped it would have been done in a less volatile way.

On the other hand, I also see the point of view of a man who truly feels and believes himself to be a woman. He/she needs the companionship and sense of family as well. Isn't it bad enough that the lesbi/gay/trans community is discriminated against by outsiders? Do we have to suffer intercommunity intolerance as well?

I would hope the parties involved could find a way to cooperate with one another. Maybe we could find some room for compassion. Maybe we could have two or three events out of the year where the transgender men were welcome. As a woman, I would like to continue enjoying the "women only" space, but can certainly find it in my heart to share that space every now and then. If that isn't enough for Ms. Long ... well then, we would really know what was at the heart of her problems in the first place.

Georgian Spata

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Out & About

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Lady Bunny is at Circuit Friday, Jan. 21.

Wed., Jan. 19

Tiny Leaps Productions Silent auction and 20-minute screening of selected scenes from new film *Adrift in the Heartland, Excalibur,* (312) 437-0137. Palestinian woman meets African-American woman, their friendship helps them deal with troubled relationships and reaching their dreams.

WTTW Channel 11 *Festival of Latin Music at old Town School of Folk Music,* 8 p.m.

Women & Children First Books Book DISCUSSION, Alice Walker's *By the Light of My Father's Smile,* 7:30 p.m., 5233 N. Clark, (773) 769-9299.

Women Employed Job Problems Counseling Hotline, Wednesdays 9 a.m.-1 p.m., (312) 782-3902.

Thursday, Jan. 20

John Marshall Law School "The Health Insurance Maze: Navigation Strategies for People with HIV," conference at John Marshall Law School, 315 S. Plymouth, 12th floor, (312) 922-2322, AIDS Foundation of Chicago. Conference for people with HIV and their service providers.

Logan Square Bible Study Group Explore Gay and Lesbian Liberation Theology, Nazareth UCC, 2500 N. Talman, 7:30 p.m., (773) 395-3594.

North Halsted Community Safety Coalition organizational meeting, 7p, 644 W. Belmont (Library). (312) 409-1690. Screening of the film *The Times of Harvey Milk.*

Friday, Jan. 21

Circuit Bar The Big Wigs tour stops in Chi-town, with hostess Lady Bunny performing live. Lady Bunny is the founder of Wigstock, which celebrated its 15th anniversary last summer. Surreal portraits of Wigstock by POP photomaster Christopher Makos will be on display. Guest DJ, Miami's Jo Jo Odyssey and resident DJ Hugo. 3641 N. Halsted, (773) 325-2233.

Windy City Gay Naturists Swimming 5:30 p.m., (773) 764-1204.

Sat., Jan. 22

Asians and Friends and Chicago Anti-Bashing Network New Millennium Tempt-ASIAN Bash, fundraiser, at Spin, Belmont & Halsted, co-spon. with AFC and Chicago Anti-Bashing Network, raffle prizes. 312-409-1573. 773-878-4781. $5 advance tix, great raffle prizes; tix at Women & Children First, Flashy Trash, Specialty Video, Unabridged Books.

City of Chgo Neighborhood Tours West Side, (312) 742-1190.

Kindred Hearts Women's Center new lesbian moms and their kids group meet for pizza, 5 p.m., 2214 Ridge, Evanston, (847) 604-0913.

Lesbian Community Cancer Project 9th Annual Coming Out Against Cancer (COAC) benefit gala, South Shore Cultural Center, 7059 S. Shore Dr. 7-midnite, (773) 561-4662. Entertainment, food, dancing, auction. MC Hysterical Women, DJ Lora Branch, performers Patty Elvis, Ripley Caine, Diana Laffey, Laurie Lee Moses, Lynne Mandarino, lakeside Pride Freedom Band. Sponsors: Outlines/ BLACKlines/ Nightlines, Subaru, Curve, Burstein Family Foundation, Riggs & Forsythe, American Airlines. Many of the performers are on *the High Risk* 40-song benefit CD produced by Outlines; the CD will be available for sale at the event. Jackie Anderson, Mountain Moving Coffeehouse organizer and former LCCP board president, is the the recipient of one of LCCP's Contributions to the Lesbian Community awards. Tracy Baim, publisher of Outlines and other gay papers, will also be given an award for her longtime commitment to lesbian health issues. Tickets are $45 advance (57th St. Books, Women & Children, Unabridged, Afrocentric, Thousand Waves), $55 at the door. Parking is available at the Soldier Field South Lot for $10, with free shuttles to the event.

Performer's at LCCP's Coming Out Against Cancer benefit Saturday, Jan. 22, include, from left: Patty Elvis, Ripley Caine, Diana Laffey, Lynne Mandarino.

Sunday, Jan. 23

BUNGALO: Berwyn United G&L Org. Dinner event at Shangri-la, (708) 216-9723.

Kindred Hearts Women's Center Women under 40 Skate on State, 2 p.m., meet at Kindred, 2214 Ridge, Evanston, (847) 604-0913.

News & Letters Hosts a program on "Philosophy and Practice in Queer Liberation Today." Speakers: Andy Thayer of Chicago Anti-Bashing Network, Darrell Gordon of Coalition for Positive Sexuality and Autonomous Zone, and Suzanne Rose of News and Letters. A roundtable on new developments in freedom struggles of GLBT and their impact on efforts to oppose globalized capitalism. Free, 4 p.m., 36 S. Wabash, #1440, (312) 236-0799.

"No on Knight" A Chicago benefit for the California campaign against the anti-gay-marriage Knight initiative, 4-7 p.m., Clark's on Clark, 5001 N. Clark, (773) 275-9561.

SnoBall Tournament Softball in the show, $135 per team, $15 person, guaranteed two games, prizes for all, party after, heaters and / or warming spirits available, at Clarendon Park.

Tuesday, Jan. 25

Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network/Chicago "First Breath" by About Face Theatre, adapted from the critically acclaimed inaugural production of the About Face Youth Theatre. 7 p.m., Sulzer Library, 4455 N. Lincoln, (312) 409-1835.

Hopefest 2000 Riviera Theatre, to benefit Chicago Coalition for the Homeless and Willie Dixon's Blues Heaven Foundation. Stars: Bo Diddley, Billy Branch, Chuck Berry, Robert Cray Band, Phantom Blues Band, Kenny Wayne Shepherd, Staple Singers, Koko Taylor and Texacali Horns. (312) 559-1212.

Tallgrass Writers Guild Open mikes 4th Tuesday, 6:30p, Red Lion, 2446 N. Lincoln, MC Whitney Scott. Bring 10 minutes of poetry, fiction or non-fiction to read.

WTTW Channel 11 Point of View is on "Regret to Inform," about the long-term effects of war. One story is about Norma's sobering tale of her husband's poisoning from Agent Orange. Interviews with dozens of survivors and people who fought and lives through war.

Monday, Jan. 24

Women & Children First Books Carol LaChapelle, *The Versatile Journal,* a workshop, 7:30 p.m., 5233 N. Clark, (773) 769-9299.

Women & Children First Books *The History of Pantyhouse in America,* a performance reading with Chicago actors, 7:30 p.m., (773) 769-9299.

Wed., Jan. 26

Chicago Commission on Human Relations 55th Annual Luncheon Bruce Newman, retired head of Chicago Community Trust, is keynote speaker. Among honorees for the Human Relations Award is Rev. Gregory Dell, who has worked on civil-rights issues for 35 years, including with Martin Luther King Jr. Last July, he lost his ordination credentials with the United Methodist Church after refusing to follow church rules banning same-sex union ceremonies. He now directs All Things Charity, a movement to revise the denomination's policies against GLBT people. Other honorees: Pegasus Players, the Multi-Cultural Youth Project, Josephine Holzer, which works in disability rights issues. Call (312) 742-0212, palmer House, 17 E. Monroe, noon.

Women & Children First Books Patricia Lynn Reilly, *Imagine A Woman in Love With Herself,* moving from self-loathing to self-love, 7:30 p.m., 5233 N. Clark, (773) 769-9299.

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Thursday, Jan. 27

Chicago 2006 Technology Committee Committee meeting for those in technology/ telecommunications field, to help plan a portion of the bid document to bring Gay Games 2006 to Chicago. Meeting 6:30 p.m., Outlines, 1115 W. Belmont, 2-D, RSVP (773) 871-7610, x. 17

Chicago Women in Trades Orientation and career fair for women interested in high-paying, high-skilled non-traditional blue-collar careers. Construction, carpentry. etc. West Side Tech, 2800 S. Western, #1203, 6-8 p.m., (312) 942-1444.

Review Bi/Gay Married Men's Support Feast homecoming 7 p.m., Gale House, 124 N. Kenilworth in Oak Park, (630) 627-1990.

Friday, Jan. 28

Sundance Cable All weekend, live telecasts from the 2000 Sundance Film Festival. Event coverage, commentary, and more.

Saturday, Jan. 29

Illinois Federation for Human Rights "Greater State of Freedom Dinner" Annual Gala Benefit at the Chicago Hilton and Towers. (773) 477-7173. (Group will now be known as Equality Illinois.) 7 p.m., 720 S. Michigan, $175 and up. Co-chairs: Gov. George Ryan, Secretary of State Jesse White, Illinois Treasurer Judy Baar Topinka, and Illinois Comptroller Daniel Hynes.

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"MY ACTING career has nothing to do with my sexuality. I was gay last year, I'm gay this year, I'll be gay next year and I just can't be bothered to go on about it all the time. There must be more interesting things than just being gay. ... I don't want to be the Shirley Temple of the gay world." — *Actor Rupert Everett to PLAYBOY magazine, January issue.*

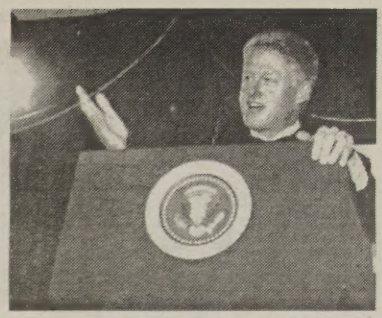
"WHEN WE'RE able to be open, those places are less necessary. There are other clubs and a number of ways for us to meet one another now and pursue other types of relationships, like monogamy." — *Larry Hughes, president of the Palm-Springs-area gay Desert Business Association after local officials shut down the Cathedral City gay bathhouse Club Palm Springs, saying it was prohibited by state law.*

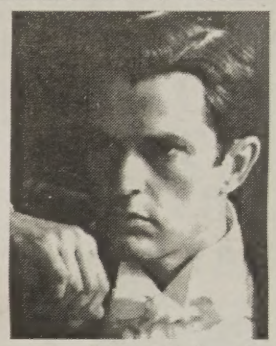
"I WOULD like to say that if I were gay, I'd be out. But I think that's not fair because I'm not gay, and I don't know personally what pressure is brought to bear on you if you are. My short answer, without a lot of reflection, is that if you were out, your career would suffer. Would Rock Hudson have had the career he had if he'd been out? No way." — *Actor Matt Damon to THE ADVOCATE, Jan. 18.*

"MIDDLE America knows that its next-door neighbors could, in fact, be gay. They can't pretend any longer that it's not possible. And that, unfortunately, is very upsetting to some of them. People should recognize that homosexuality just is. Personally, I think it's genetic. That's always been my theory because I have friends who are gay and who really don't want to be and who say that they don't have lives that are conducive to it ... because being gay makes their lives more difficult professionally." — *Matt Damon to THE ADVOCATE*

"I TRIED TO say gays should be able to serve in the military without lying about it. But if the military code of justice says that homosexual acts are illegal, if they keep it, then they'd have to observe that. But when we went to 'don't ask, don't tell,' it was all we could get through the Congress. The Congress had a veto-proof majority to reverse the policy I recommended. ... What we're doing now—in August, we issued some new guidelines to try to correct some of the abuses, because the policy, as it was articulated in '93, has been often abused, and that's what's led to some of these expulsions, some of this harassment. The Secretary of Defense is absolutely committed to faithfully implementing the policy. It's really 'don't ask, don't tell, don't pursue,' under those circumstances. ... If the policy were faithfully applied, we would not have many of the problems that we've had these last few years, and I think the Secretary of Defense and the leadership of the Pentagon is now—with these new guidelines and with the work they're doing to try to make sure people are trained and they understand they're not supposed to go in and harass people and what can and cannot trigger an inquiry, I think we can make it better now." — *Bill Clinton on Larry King Live, Cable News Network, Dec. 23.*

"I THINK we've come a long way. We're a long way from where we were just in '92, and '93. I think vast majorities of the American people support hate-crimes legislation that protects gays as well as people with different racial and religious backgrounds. I think most Americans strongly support nondiscrimination in the workplace and would vote for the Employment Nondiscrimination Act if they were in Congress. I hope that the Congress will vote for it. ... [T]he real problem, I still believe, is the absence of open, personal contact. I think there are too many people who don't know gay men and lesbian women in the ordinary course of their lives, and they don't see that there are people who—their friends, their sisters, their brothers, their sons, their daughters, their coworkers, and that it is—my judgment is, it's not a lifestyle people choose. It is the way people are. It's too hard—it's too hard a life for people to just up and choose it. I think that my view is that every American that works hard, obeys the law, plays by the rules ought to be treated with dignity and respect and have a part in our American family. That's what I believe." — *Clinton.*





Bill Clinton and Rupert Everett

"I THINK that's a good thing [the Vermont Supreme Court ruling on equal rights for same-sex couples]. That's always been my position, that—you've got gay couples that, for example, have been together for years now. One of them ... has a heart attack, one of them gets sick, one of them is in the intensive-care unit in the hospital and only family members can come in and sometimes they're not allowed in—that kind of thing. ... I think that—in terms of healthcare coverage at work or in terms of property and willing of property to your closest family member, that sort of thing, I think they ought to be able to do that." — *Clinton.*

"MARRIAGE in our culture and to me has a certain connotation, meaning for me, that has not gotten me to where I could accept that [gay marriage], because I think it's basically a union for the purpose of, among other things, having children and—so that's why I've never supported the term of 'marriage,' although there are a lot of increasing numbers of people, even in the clergy, who believe that they should be able to do that." — *Clinton.*

"THE PUSH for [gay] marriage is not an isolated phenomenon but signals hostility to sexual liberation. I wonder if we will all one day look back from another world and think about what gay life was like before the freedom from marriage was extinguished—in the same way that some look at (and remember) what life was like before AIDS." — *Longtime New York activist Bill Dobbs in a Dec. 27 e-mail to this column.*

"IN THE '90S, we ... find that gay issues are being reported in the mainstream press quite regularly. So, we have to look at ourselves and think, well, how does this affect us and how do we continue to operate? Does there continue to be a need for a gay and lesbian newspaper?" — *Max McLean, editor of the MELBOURNE (Australia) STAR OBSERVER, to the daily newspaper THE AGE, Dec. 29.*

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BRITAIN LIFTS MILITARY GAY BAN

Britain lifted its ban on gays in the military Jan. 12, implementing a Sept. 27 European Court of Human Rights ruling that the policy violated servicemembers' rights to privacy and family life.

"Homosexuality will no longer be a bar to service in Britain's armed forces," said Defense Secretary Geoff Hoon. "The law is the law. We cannot choose the decisions we implement. ... There is no longer a reason to deny homosexuals the opportunity of a career in the armed forces. ... The status quo is not an option."

Like heterosexual servicemembers, gay servicemembers will be prohibited from engaging in behavior while on duty that undermines the "efficiency or operational effectiveness" of the armed forces—such as unwanted sexual come-ons, offensive displays of affection, or taking advantage of a subordinate.

People who have been kicked out of the military for being gay are being invited to rejoin.

YUGOSLAV GAY LEADER MURDERED

Dejan Nebrigic, head of the Yugoslav gay group Arkadija, was found strangled in his apartment in early January.

His friends reportedly blamed the murder on a personal vendetta but provided no details.

Investigating judge Nedeljko Martinovic told the local POLITIKA EXPRESS newspaper: "Our information is that Nebrigic founded a movement of homosexuals who had access to various funds from abroad. That movement was in effect, a gateway for all kinds of sects conducting a special war against our country."

Akradija member Lepa Mladjenovic called the judge's remark predictable given that the Yugoslav regime "sees all non-government organizations and opposition parties as NATO mercenaries or CIA agents."

In a March 1999 press release, Nebrigic wrote: "[We are] disgusted at the attacks of NATO. NATO has created a situation which only empowers Milosevic's communist-fascist regime and directly supports further continuation of his terror against both the Kosovo Albanians and every genuine, authentic ... opposition in the Republic of Serbia.

"The coordinators of the Campaign Against Homophobia are directly endangered by these attacks both by the NATO bombs and by the revenge of the local population, as well as of the police, who consider us to be the American 'agents' which, in the Republic of Serbia, means people who fight for democratization of the country. Because of the NATO attacks, every activity toward the democratization of the country had to come to a halt. Which is to say that bombs falling in the Federal Republic in Yugoslavia are not directed against the regime, but on the contrary, paradoxically, against its opponents. Our activities, due to the NATO attacks, are entirely stopped. While the bombing is in process it is impossible to fight against the regime of Milosevic and his wife or to advocate human rights of sexual minorities, or any other human rights.

"We resolutely condemn the Serbian regime, the one indeed responsible for the current situation, which refuses to stop the war by signing the accord. We as well condemn NATO which with its attacks directly undermines our activities toward the democratization of the Republic of Serbia and endangers our lives."

BRITISH GAYS ZAP MILLENNIUM SERVICE

Members of the London gay group OutRage! staged a protest outside Britain's National Millennium Service Jan. 2 at St. Paul's Cathedral.

As Queen Elizabeth II arrived, the demonstrators unfurled a banner denouncing "2,000 Years of Church Homophobia." Fake blood ran from their foreheads "to symbolize two millennia of church violence and discrimination against gay people."

The queen averted her gaze when she saw the demonstration.

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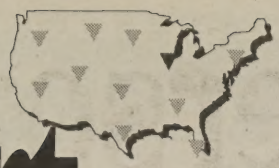

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Beating of gay student probed as bias attack

In New Jersey, THE RECORD reports that a 16-year-old gay student at Memorial High School in Elmwood Park was beaten by a schoolmate, and police are investigating the incident as a bias crime.

No charges had been filed, but police know the identity of the alleged assailant. The teen came into police headquarters Jan. 13 and told officers a 14-year-old freshman punched him repeatedly in the face and body until teachers separated the boys, Morgan said. For a couple of days before the assault, the younger boy had taunted the victim about being gay, Morgan said.

Gay marriage battle heats up in Vermont

Vermont legislators say they have been deluged with phone calls, e-mail messages and letters as they prepared for their first hearing this on whether to concoct something approximating "marriage" for homosexuals, reports THE WASHINGTON TIMES.

On Dec. 20, the Vermont Supreme Court ruled that same-sex couples have a constitutional right to the "common benefit, protection and security" given to married couples.

The state high court's ruling, instructing the legislature to enact certain laws, is "illegitimate, unconstitutional and a challenge, if not a threat, to the balance of power in Vermont," the group Take It to the People said in a statement.

TIP and its allies support a bipartisan bill written by state Reps. George Schiavone and Robert A. Starr Jr. that clarifies the long-settled law that persons of the same sex cannot marry, reports THE WASHINGTON TIMES.

Vermont law says, "A man shall not marry his mother, grandmother, daughter, granddaughter, brother's daughter, sister's daughter, father's sister or mother's sister." The Schiavone-Starr bill would add "or another man" to the list. Another section would forbid two women from marrying, the paper reported.

SF shelter for young gays gets an OK

San Francisco took its first step Jan. 12 toward funding a program that would bus homeless gay and lesbian young adults from the Castro to Noe Valley, where a church has offered to house them at night, reports THE SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE.

The Board of Supervisors Finance and Labor Committee voted 2 to 1 to appropriate as much as $73,000. The shelter would be run by the nonprofit Ark of Refuge and provide 10 beds nightly at the Metropolitan Community Church-Golden Gate.

Supervisors Tom Ammiano and Sue Bierman voted to finance the controversial shelter, saying it was a small attempt to accommodate young people who are often harassed at other shelters because of their age and sexual orientation, the paper reported.

GOP to air ad on gays in military

Vice President Al Gore's position on gays in the military is coming under fire in a new TV ad being aired by the Republican National Committee. The ad accuses Gore of advocating a policy that would prohibit Colin Powell and Norman Schwarzkopf from serving on the Joint Chiefs of Staff, reports Associated Press.

Gore and Bill Bradley both back gays in the military, but Gore had to backtrack recently when he suggested a pro-gay "litmus test" for appointees to the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Republican National Committee spokesman Mark Pfeifle said it's fair to air an ad based on Gore's original comments, AP reported.

Gay groups meet with White House officials

Representatives of lesbian and gay community centers from across the U.S. met at the White House for the first time Jan. 13 with senior officials and lesbian and gay political appointees from a broad range of cabinet agencies and departments.

The two groups discussed how to increase federal dollars from D.C. to local communities in need.

The meeting included staff members of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force and the seven-person elected Executive Committee of the National Association of Lesbian and Gay Community Centers, representing more than 100 community centers in 36 states.

UK gay couple's U.S. twins can stay

The surrogate children of the gay millionaire couple Barrie Drewitt and Tony Barlow seem likely to receive British citizenship thanks to European law, reports THE INDEPENDENT.

Legal experts say that under the European Convention on Human Rights, the children may have the right to a family life with their parents, regardless of the parents' sexuality. This means that the Home Secretary, Jack Straw, could be forced to to grant citizenship to the babies, Aspen and Saffron.

The gay couple tried to bring the twins into the UK but were refused automatic entry at Heathrow. Immigration officials allowed them temporary admission for one month while the Home Office examined the case. Under British law, the babies' legal parents are the surrogate mother and her husband in the U.S., though sperm from one of the men was used to conceive the children and the men are recorded as parents on the birth certificates, the paper said.

First lady opposes gay marriage recognition

Hillary Rodham Clinton said Jan. 10 that she favors full benefits for partners in same-sex relationships, but marriages should be "between a man and a woman," reports AP.

Gay groups whose endorsement may be sought by Mrs. Clinton in her New York Senate run expressed disappointment. Tim Sweeney, spokesman for the Empire State Pride Agenda, said the endorsement of benefits "rings a little hollow" when accompanied by the refusal to recognize gay marriage.

Cross-dresser pushes for asylum

Geovanni Hernandez-Montiel is a man who dresses like a woman. Because of that, the 21-year-old native of Xalapa, Mexico, says he was raped at gunpoint by police officers when he was 14, beaten by a mob in his homeland, kicked out of a state-run school and shunned by his family, reports THE SAN DIEGO UNION TRIBUNE.

Hernandez illegally entered the U.S. in the mid-1990s, was arrested in San Diego and then initiated a plea of political asylum, the paper said.

San Diego-based U.S. Immigration Judge Kenneth Bagley rejected Hernandez's asylum bid in 1996 and the Board of Immigration Appeals affirmed that decision. The judge said Hernandez failed to show the abuse stemmed from Hernandez's status as a gay man. Instead, the judge ruled that Hernandez's cross-dressing nature was something he could change; in essence, Hernandez could stop the abuse by dressing like a man. Hernandez's lawyers took that decision to the 9th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals, the TRIBUNE reported.

Catholic U. offers course in 'homosexuality'

In Pennsylvania, Villanova University has introduced a course devoted solely to homosexuality, reports THE PHILADELPHIA ENQUIRER.

A class of honors students recently attended the first lecture of "Constructing and Deconstructing Homosexuality." Professors who teach gay studies courses at other universities say they have never before heard of a class that focuses on homosexuality exclusively and they are surprised to hear of its being offered at a Catholic university, the ENQUIRER said.

The Villanova course has a syllabus that includes such titles as The Invention of Sodomy in Christian Theology and the gay-themed plays known as Angels in America.

Junior Dan Puskar, 20, proposed the course and met little resistance from the school's administration.

Parents of slain GI consider suing Army

The parents of infantryman Barry Winchell, 21, beaten to death because he was suspected of being gay, may sue the Army for failing to protect their son from anti-gay harassment, the WASHINGTON POST reported Jan. 10. Pat and Wally Kutteles told the POST that military officials at Fort Campbell, Ky., did not take sufficient precautions to prevent Winchell's July 5 beating and murder.

In a press release, the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network asks people to contact President Clinton and military leaders to call for the resignation of Major General Clarke, Commanding General of the 101st Airborne Division at Ft. Campbell, for permitting a climate of harassment and violence at the base, and to protest the light sentence the Army has given to Specialist Justin Fisher, the second defendant in the murder.

Meanwhile, in a press release, the Secretary of the Army, Louis Caldera, announced Jan. 10, that he is directing the Army's Inspector General to conduct a thorough review of the implementation of the Homosexual Conduct Policy at Ft. Campbell, following a request by the Commander 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault).

In light of allegations that surfaced during the investigations and courts martial surrounding the murder of Winchell, the Inspector General is being directed to examine alleged violations of the Department of Defense Homosexual Conduct Policy during the period preceding Winchell's death. The review was requested by Maj. Gen. Robert T. Clark, and was supported by his chain of command including Gen. Eric K. Shinseki, Army Chief of Staff.

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A confidential memo reportedly by the Secretary of the Army and others was distributed via the internet last week. It reads:

1. Service in our Army is honorable and respected by the citizens of this country. Soldiers who offer their commitment and their lives in this service should and must be treated with dignity, honor and respect. Respect for our fellow soldiers demands that we speak with respect for all. Any derogatory words about any group, including those based upon sexual orientation, that are prejudicial to good order and discipline, may subject the soldier to adverse administrative actions or disciplinary measures under the UCMJ. Every soldier has the right to expect treatment consistent with our core values, a safe and secure environment and the support of their chain of command. Whenever we violate the trust of any soldier, we violate the trust of all soldiers.

2. We affirm that treating soldiers with dignity and respect is a bedrock value for the Army. We declare that there is no room for harassment or threats to any soldier in our Army for any reason. Therefore, as the senior leaders of the Army, we are determined to implement the "don't ask, don't tell" policy with equity and fairness to all of our soldiers.

3. Finally, we continue to expect that all soldiers in the United States Army will be treated with dignity and respect at all times, and will be afforded a safe and secure environment in which to live and work. Harassment of soldiers for any reason, to include perceived sexual orientation, will not be tolerated. We expect commanders at every level to take appropriate action to prevent harassment of or threats against any member of our Army. Once again we are determined to continue to implement the "don't ask, don't tell" policy with fairness to all because that is the right thing to do for our soldiers.

Political roundup

▼ Al Gore received the endorsement of the Gertrude Stein Democratic Club, D.C.'s leading gay political group, Jan. 10. U.S. Rep. Eleanor Holmes Norton addressed the Stein Club meeting to ask for their endorsement of Al Gore.

▼ Sharply criticizing Vice President Al Gore for not acting aggressively on issues concerning gays and Asian Americans, three San Francisco supervisors announced their support for Bill Bradley as the Democratic candidate for president. Supervisors Michael Yaki, Tom Ammiano and Gavin Newsom are backing Bradley.

▼ Republican presidential candidate John McCain made some media waves this past week when he claimed he could identify gay people by the way they act.

▼ In Milford, N.H., during a Q and A session at Milford Middle School, Presidential candidate Gary Bauer, answered a student who asked how he could oppose same-sex marriages if he believed everyone was created equal. Bauer said, "For thousands of years of western civilization, marriage has been one man and one woman. That's not discrimination. That's not taking away people's freedom. It means that as a civilization we've decided that marriage is between one adult man and one adult woman, and we are going, as a civilization, to eliminate the other possible ways that people might choose to live together."

▼ Republican presidential candidate Alan Keyes told a political convention for college students in Manchester Jan. 14 that accepting the "homosexual agenda" would lead to adultery and a blurring of the sexual line between adults and children, reports THE MANCHESTER UNION LEADER. Keyes implied that nothing less than civilization is at stake, in response to a question about gay marriage in Vermont.

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High Court to review Boy Scouts' gay ban

by Bob Roehr

The epic struggle between gays and the Boy Scouts of America is headed for the U.S. Supreme Court. On Jan. 14, in a terse listing of cases, the Court accepted the appeal of *Boy Scouts of America v. Dale* for oral arguments in April and a likely ruling before it adjourns at the end of June.

The man at the center of the controversy is James Dale, now 29. He had been a scout from the age of eight, advancing with an exemplary record to the pinnacle of Eagle Scout, serving as an assistant troop leader as an adult. In 1990 a local newspaper published a picture identifying Dale as a leader of the Rutgers University Lesbian/Gay Alliance. The Scouts drummed him out of their organization, saying that homosexuals were not "morally straight."

Last August the New Jersey Supreme Court ruled that the Scouts may not bar gays from membership in that organization. In a powerful 7-0 decision Chief Justice Deborah T. Portiz wrote, "It is clear that Boy Scouts does not limit its membership to individuals who belong to a particular religion or subscribe to a specific set of moral beliefs."

"Boy Scout members do not associate for the purpose of disseminating the belief that homosexuality is immoral," it includes "sponsors and members who subscribe to different views in respect of homosexuality."

"Dale's expulsion constituted discrimination based solely on his status as an openly gay man," she concluded. "The sad truth is that excluded groups and individuals have been prevented from full participation in the social, economic, and political life of this country. The human price of this bigotry has been enormous. At a most fundamental level, adherence to the principle of equality demands that our legal system protect the victim of invidious discrimination."

A key legal argument centered on whether the Scouts are a private association, that may discriminate in terms of its membership, or a public accommodation that may not. The New Jersey Court found overwhelming evidence for the later.

The Boy Scouts have long maintained their right to discriminate as a private association. By contrast, the Girl Scouts of America have made no such claims. Several years ago when these legal issues arose, the Girl Scouts issued a statement welcoming all females, including lesbians, to fully participate in activities.

"We are confident that, once the Justices examine the facts, they will agree with the unanimous New Jersey Supreme Court that Boy Scouts do not come together to promote bigotry and anti-gay bias," said Evan Wolfson in a telephone news conference Jan. 14. He is an attorney with the Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, which represented Dale in New Jersey and will continue to do so before the Supreme Court.

"The Court now has a chance to hear that scouting is about honesty, community service, self-reliance, and respect for others—not discrimination," he said.

In conversations last August, immediately after the New Jersey decision was released, Wolfson and Matthew Coles, director of the National Lesbian and Gay Rights Project at the American Civil Liberties Union, both minimized the chance of success for an appeal. They noted that the New Jersey Court is highly regarded and often cited by other state courts in reaching their decisions.

Coles pointed out that the U.S. Supreme Court rejected a similar argument made by the U.S. Jaycees to exclude women. "That was 15 years ago, and the Court ruled unanimously. I doubt they would revisit the issue now." Wolfson said that the New Jersey decision "very closely and solidly followed recent and repeated rulings by the U.S. Supreme Court laying out the framework for dealing with these kinds of cases."

The American Center for Law and Justice, founded by televangelist Pat Robertson, had filed a brief with the Court in support of the Boy Scouts. Chief counsel Jay Sekulow said, "The decision by the Court to hear this critical case represents the Boy Scouts' last and best chance to defend its time honored traditions and define its leadership criteria—something it should be permitted to do under the First Amendment."

But regardless of what the Supreme Court ultimately decides, public pressure may well force the Scouts to end their discriminatory policy. Local government agencies are dropping their sponsorship of troops, nonprofit fundraising agencies such as local United Way campaigns are moving in the same direction, and business leaders are voicing the need for change in this policy. The Scouts have formed a high-power internal committee to study the issue.

Gore brings AIDS issue to the UN

by Bob Roehr

AIDS was the focus of Vice President Al Gore's visit to the United Nations Jan. 10. He announced that the Clinton administration will seek an additional $100 million in international funding for next year to combat AIDS throughout the world, doubling its current commitment.

"AIDS and other infectious diseases are the largest catastrophes in the history of modern medicine," Gore told the Security Council. "We hope this initiative will provide relief and hope."

But the effort is a drop in the bucket compared to the need. More than 30 million people are infected with HIV, most in developing countries that cannot afford even the most basic therapy. Ten people become infected with HIV every minute of the day in sub-Saharan Africa and life expectancy has plummeted by two decades in some of those nations. The disease has struck hardest in the most educated segments of society and economic growth is on the verge of collapse.

Peter Piot, executive director of UNAIDS, has estimated his program needs at $1-3 billion annually.

Russia and China were among members of the UN that opposed the month-long focus on AIDS that the U.S. plans during the time it occupies the Presidency of the Security Council.

Gay men of color lead in new AIDS cases

by Bob Roehr

The number of new AIDS cases in gay men of color has surpassed that of white gays for the first time in the history of the epidemic. While people of color constitute nearly a quarter of the American population, they totaled 52 percent of new AIDS diagnoses in men having sex with men (MSM) in 1998, the last year for which complete data is available. MSM is the likely mode of transmission in 60 percent of all AIDS cases in men.

The data was released by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) at a Jan. 13 news conference and is published in the Jan. 14 issue of MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY WEEKLY REPORT (MMWR).

"We still think of the gay epidemic as being a totally white one and may not realize the significant role that gay and bisexual activity is playing in the spread of HIV to minority communities," said Dr. Helene Gayle. She is director of the CDC's National Center for HIV, STD and TB Prevention.

"The tendency to equate gay with white has persisted despite the fact that gay and bisexual men have always represented the greatest proportion of AIDS cases among minority men." Latinos are two times as likely and African Americans are five times as likely to be infected with HIV as are their white counterparts.

"We have been talking about this consistently for more than a decade," said Gayle. "You can talk but if people aren't receptive to the message, it doesn't get picked up. There is a lot of denial around HIV and homosexuality in minority communities."

Cities with populations over 500,000 are home to 85 percent of minority MSM AIDS cases. Leading the list are New York, Los Angeles, Miami, Washington, D.C. and Chicago. Black and Hispanic MSM are being infected at younger ages than white men.

"Combined, these data point to the urgent need to reach African American and Latino men who have sex with men with HIV prevention, and to reach them early," she concluded.

Stigma & Identity

Stigma of homosexuality "has helped fuel the spread" of HIV within minority communities, said Gayle. While stigma is present across all cultures, "It may even be greater in African American and Latino communities."

She pointed to CDC survey research of HIV positive MSM ages 13-24: 1 in 4 Blacks and 1 in 6 Hispanics identify as heterosexual. That compares with 1 in 17 among whites.

"It is safe to say that fear continues to drive far too many young Black and Latino men with AIDS to die alone rather than face the risk of being shunned by family and friends," she said. "Fear continues to drive families to silently hope that their son is a drug addict when they find out that he has AIDS, as opposed to being homosexual."

"The silence of homophobia in communities of color remains a major obstacle," according to Gayle. She called discussion of homophobia "absolutely critical if we are going to reduce the disproportionate impact of HIV." Unconfirmed sources say that Gayle drafted a powerful editorial column on the subject but officials in the parent Department of Health and Human Services declined to let her try to place it in a leading newspaper.

"This is one of the issues she [Gayle] has been passionate about in private," said Terje Anderson, policy director of the National Association of People with AIDS (NAPWA) and a member of the Presidential Commission on HIV/AIDS. He believes that "the release of these statistics has given her an opportunity to finally be able to put them out with complete, official sanction."

Others have suggested that it is not uncommon for people to find courage in the final year of an administration, when they start to think of "their legacy" and how history will record their tenure.

These statistics "show what happens at the junction of race and sexual orientation bias," said Phill Wilson, director of the African American AIDS Policy & Training Institute at the University of Southern California.

Wilson said that the trend was obvious for a long time, but "it did not have to happen." He called it "the fruit of the 'no promo homo' [federal legislative] initiatives of the 1980s," which inhibited discussion of homosexuality in federally funded prevention activities. He lay blame for these infections squarely at the feet of the religious right that pushed for them.

He rejected the notion that minority communities are more homophobic but he does believe, "When that bias happens, it can impact us in more dramatic ways because often we depend on the sanctuary of our racial community." He urged prevention programs that "embrace the humanity of all of us."

Latino Issues

"Homophobia and racism have a particularly virulent expression in the Latino community," said Rafael Campo, M.D., an instructor at Harvard Medical School. He ascribed part of the blame to the negative influence of the Catholic Church, whose policies on condoms, sex and sexual orientation have inhibited effective prevention activities. He believes that Church teaching "puts them at higher risk" for AIDS.

"Fear and self-loathing" hampers prevention efforts and leads to infection of "unknowing wives and girlfriends." He called statistics on Hispanic infections "a harbinger of worse news to come unless we act now" because Latinos are the youngest and fastest growing segment of the American population.

Campo lamented the fact that well-known Latino leaders have refused to step forward and speak up on HIV issues. Only actress Rosie Perez attended a Hispanic AIDS summit at Harvard last year, despite the fact that "we had invited elected officials, prominent sports figures, entertainment leaders," he said. "It was quite astonishing to see that kind of silence in action." Hispanic members of Congress represent districts with some of the highest rates of HIV infection in the nation.

Wilson called for "de-stigmatization of homosexuality, both in communities and internally" as part of AIDS prevention. He explained, "If you have people who are unable to acknowledge their behavior on any level, then they are not able to take action to either change that behavior or protect their partners."

He believes that an expansion of "initiatives run by and for gay men of color" addressing issues of self-esteem, family reconciliation, and dialog with traditional African American institutions will contribute much to AIDS prevention.

Craig E. Thompson, executive director of AIDS Project Los Angeles, said, "The need for fully funded and culturally competent prevention services to address these issues—especially for youth most at risk—is more urgent than ever."

For NAPWA's Anderson, this statistical milestone is "a wake-up call." Gay community leaders "have become a bit complacent because the white boys ain't getting quite so sick any more." While "among much of the established institutional leadership of the African American and Latino organizations, there is a backpedaling on sexual orientation issues."

"Are we really listening to African American and Latino gay men and taking their needs seriously?" he asked. "A lot of gay men of color feel that they are stuck in this no man's land between the two. Rather than being embraced and supported by both communities, they are kind of left on their own by both."

Local Roundup: Politics, activism

Gays among Gore delegates

Vice President Al Gore's campaign filed 20 delegate slates filled with top Democratic leaders Jan. 12, including more minorities and union members than any presidential campaign in Illinois history. Gore collected nearly 40,000 signatures to place his name on the March 21 ballot.

Gay activist Michael Bauer is slated in the 5th Congressional District, along with Cook County Commissioner Mike Quigley. Mayor's lesbigay liaison Mary Morten is slated in the 9th District.

"We have leaders from the Asian, Hispanic, African-American, gay, lesbian, labor, Italian and Jewish communities all on one slate," noted U.S. Rep. Jan Schakowsky of the candidates just in her own 9th District.

Records 'confirm' jail bashing

Cermak Hospital medical records reportedly confirm Terry Phelan's claim that he received "broken bones" while at Cook County Jail Oct. 27. The Chicago Anti-Bashing Network said Phelan just received his medical records, and they show that in addition to bruises over much of his body, he had hairline fractures in both wrists and two ribs.

Phelan said that two Cook County Sheriff's deputies brutally beat him and shouted anti-gay slurs while a third guard looked on. He was treated at the jail's Cermak Hospital.

CABN is upset that Cermak continues to withhold the most relevant records.

Phelan was told last month by Tom Swaine of the Cook County Inspector General's Office that his charges were sustained by that office, and that the two principal officers in the attack were transferred to another area as punishment, CABN reported.

CABN finds it "insulting that management considers this appropriate punishment for a hate crime including assault and battery," and is planning to demonstrate at the next Cook County merit Board meeting 9 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 27, 69 W. Washington, #1100, to demand all three officers be fired.

Therapist certificate effort launched

Howard Brown Health Center, the Chicago Center for Family Health and Horizons Community Services are collaborating in the creation of a post-graduate program to train mental health professionals in the theory and practice of counseling and psychotherapy with lesbian, bisexual, gay and transgender clients and their families. The first of its kind in the U.S., the program will provide in-depth training in contemporary theory and affirmative models of clinical practice. It will also address more specialized concerns such as ethics, trauma, youth, aging, relationships and addictions. The program is scheduled to launch this fall.

"The American Psychological Association conducted a research survey several years ago, which found that negative attitudes toward LBGTs abound among practicing psychologists," said Barbara Kelly, Psy.D., one of the program originators. "Unfortunately, even current clinicians-in-training are not provided LBGT-centered developmental models, affirmative models of treatment or other information necessary for working appropriately with LBGT clients." Call (773) 321-6040, theop@howardbrown.org.

State rights bill efforts continue

The state's gay-rights bill, HB474, didn't come up for a vote in the legislature's Fall Veto Session. "We had the 60 committed votes which we needed to pass the bill, but on the final day of the session, two of those votes were absent from the State House. Speaker Madigan granted another extension until the end of session in April," said Equality Illinois board member Miranda Stevens-Miller.

"We are hoping to bring HB474 up for a vote in the Illinois House of Representatives as soon as possible so there is time to work it though the Senate. Again, we have the 60 votes we need to pass. But just so we don't wind up in a bind like last Fall, we need to have a few more committed 'yes' votes to give us a cushion. Equality Illinois has studied the situation very carefully, and with the concurrence of our dynamic team of lobbyists, we have come up with a list of a dozen Representatives who we feel could be persuaded to vote for HB474, with enough constituent pressure."

Call (773) 477-7173 for a list of representatives.

McKeon wants school reps

State Rep. Larry McKeon is urging residents to participate in Local School Council elections and to consider becoming candidates for seats on their local LSC. LSCs have broad powers, including allocation of a major portion of the school budget, hiring of a principal and development of school enrichment activities.

Deadline for filing is Feb. 29 at the school. Elections are held April 5 at high schools and April 6 at elementary schools. Training for candidates will be Jan. 27, 2021 N. Burling and Feb. 2 at 5029 N. Kimball. McKeon's office has paperwork for candidates, at 1967 W. Montrose.

Berwyn gays denounce supremacist Mayers

The Berwyn United Neighborhood Gay And Lesbian Organization, for the third time in four years, has issued a statement denouncing Richard Mayers, who is a white supremacist who lives in Berwyn.

In February of 1997, in a speech before the Berwyn City Council, Mayers attacked gays and lesbians living in Berwyn, saying that "all homosexuals living in Berwyn should move to San Francisco," and that "the taxpayers of Berwyn do not want homosexuals living in Berwyn." In March of 1997, Mayers carried a sign around the Berwyn City Council stating that "homosexuals deserved to die of AIDS." The February, 1997 statements were carried in an article in the BERWYN LIFE newspaper.

After his statement to the Berwyn City Council in February of 1997, BUNGALO wrote a letter to the editor of the BERWYN LIFE denouncing Mayers' homophobic statements.

In February of 1998 (when Mayers was running in the Republican primary for the 43rd State House district) in a candidates forum, Mayers made a statement that "we should send Blacks in prison back to Africa."

After making this statement in the February, 1998 candidate's forum, BUNGALO read a statement before the Berwyn City Council denouncing Mayers' views and calling on all his opponents in the Republican Primary to also denounce Mayers' statements.

The statement below was read before the Berwyn City Council Jan. 11.

"To Mayor Shaugnessy, members of the city council:

"For the third time in the last four years, the Berwyn United Neighborhood Gay And Lesbian Organization (BUNGALO) feels compelled to publicly denounce the statements and actions of Berwyn resident Richard Benedict Mayers.

"Mr. Mayers has tried to place three referenda on the Cook County ballot—one to prohibit marriage between Blacks and whites, a second to prohibit the abortion of 'healthy, white babies,' and a third to send 'Black prisoners back to Africa.'

"Mayor Shaugnessy, we call upon all residents of Berwyn to denounce Mr. Mayers' racist, anti-Semitic and homophobic views. This denunciation is needed to let people know that Mr. Mayers does not represent the views of the ordinary person living in Berwyn.

"By remaining silent, we give credence to the idea that the people of Berwyn are racist and support the ideas of Mr. Mayers. ... In his statements, Mr. Mayers always invokes the 'taxpayers of Berwyn,' saying that he speaks for the 'taxpayers of Berwyn.' What is ironic about that statement is that Mr. Mayers still lives with his parents and has never paid any real estate taxes in Berwyn. ... [We] call upon all people in Berwyn to denounce Mr. Mayers and his moronic, racist statements. This is the only way that the people of Berwyn can remove the stain upon our identity."

TPAN appointments

Charles Clifton has been hired as Test Positive Aware Network's representative to the new Men of Color HIV/AIDS 2000 Coalition (MOCHA 2000). This is the collaborative effort of seven community-based agencies and the Chicago Dept. of Public Health to improve each agency's infrastructure so that expanded HIV services can be delivered to gay men of color.

Keith Waltrip is TPAN's new Director of Programs.

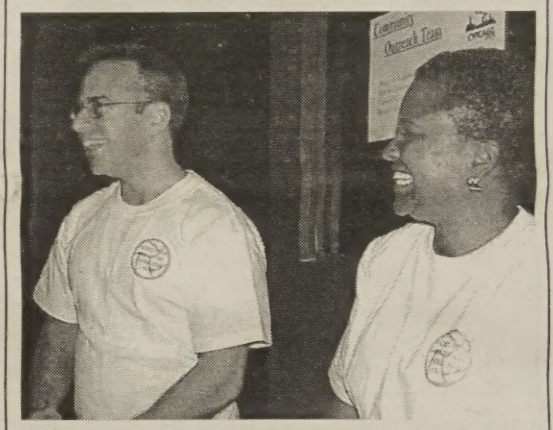
— Tracy Baim

Gay Games Town Meeting attracts volunteers, media

Between 75-100 people attended a volunteer orientation Town Meeting Jan. 13 at Circuit for Chicago 2006, the organization working to bid on bringing the Gay Games to Chicago in 2006. Co-Chairs Kevin Boyer and Mona Noriega gave an overview presentation about the timelines and committee structure. There are 19 Chicago 2006 board members, and more than 15 committees working on various portions of the bid. For details, see the webpage www.Chicago2006.org, or call (847) 256-8446.

The Town Meeting was the lead story on that night's Channel 2 News 10 o'clock broadcast, and was covered in the CHICAGO TRIBUNE's online newspaper and on NPR radio, as well as by gay media.

PICTURED, TOP: Noriega, Boyer, Mayor's liaison Mary Morten, and Chicago 2006 board member Joe Sprague. BELOW: Dennis Sneyers, who conceived of the Chicago bid last year, with Donna Johnson. Both are on the Chicago 2006 Outreach Committee. Photos by Tracy Baim



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Place the crate in a quiet area and introduce your pup to the crate by associating it to positive things like play or toys. Leave the door open until there is no sign of fear. Once the puppy enters the crate without hesitation, close the door and keep him in a short while. Work up to longer periods until he is able to stay through the night. This process need take no longer than a day.

Some animals will become very agitated and vocal—do not encourage this behavior by "rescuing" or trying to comfort your crated dog. Wait until the dog is quiet and calm before checking on him or letting him out. This way, you will not encourage bad behavior. The crate should be a special place for your dog. The crate must not be linked with punishment. Never place your pup in the crate when you are angry ... if you do, your dog will view it a a bad place and want to avoid it. Good Luck with your puppy and his new crate.

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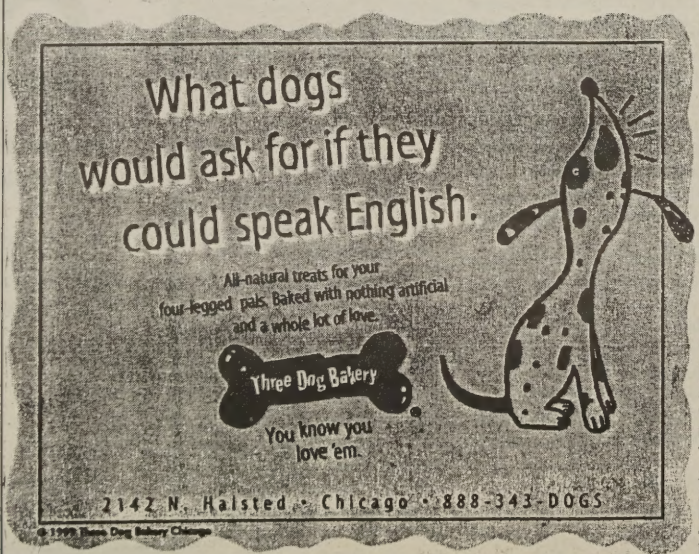
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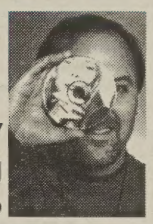

by gregg shapiro

Give the people what they want

The biggest selling albums of 1999 all sound as if they were dreamed up in the sterile corporate think-tanks of major (read: corporate) record labels. Even the daring stuff (oooh white boys rapping over heavy metal—how avant garde!) sounds like it was envisioned by someone with an MBA in music marketing rather than an MFA in music. Believe it or not, the major labels also put out more than the inescapable grind of Ricky Martin, the struts of Britney Spears and Christina Aguilera, the faux-suave of the boy groups, and the hateful spew of Limp Bizkit and Korn. What follows is a round-up of the major labels, and what it is they thought you wanted in the past 12 months.

Universal: ***Wonderworld*** (Republic / Universal) by **Mollys Yes** starts out with two songs that sound like they were straight out of 1979, and that's not a good thing. This all-male quartet almost redeems itself on a few tracks (such as "Girlfriend," "Hypnotic"), but someone needs to give their time machine a good kick.

A little more timely is ***Nasty Little Thoughts*** (Cherry/Universal) by **Stroke 9.** Catchy and melodic pop songs that benefit from produiction assistance from Jerry (Tallking Heads/ Casual Gods) Harrison and Rupert Hine. It also doesn't hurt that the San Francisco-based quartet has a dose of the cutes to match their cute songs (including current hit single "Little Black Backpack"). More than anything, tracks such as "Tail Of The Sun," "Washin' + Wonderin'," are a welcome relief from much of what is being played on the airwaves (radio and MTV, both).

RCA/BMG: Not surprisingly, the German-owned Bertelsmann Music Group, the parent company of RCA, has put cojnsiderable energy behind German band **Guano Apes** and their debut disc ***Proud Like A God*** (RCA/BMG/Supersonic). "Open Your Eyes," the opening track and first single (and source of the disc's title), is a hard-rocking melodic number fueled by lead vocalist Sandra's gruff wail. The band plays modern Euro-rock that should appeal to Metallica's growing legion of fans.

A couple of years ago, there were two bands with the word "verve" in their names which caused unnecessary confusion. The Verve, the better of the two bands, released the amazing *Urban Hymns*, became enmeshed in a legal battle over their use of a Rolling Stones sample, and have since disbanded. Unfortunately for us, Michigan-based **The Verve Pipe** are still together, and have released a self-titled (RCA) follow-up to their *Villains* disc. I was, however, shocked to find that Craig Wedren (of Shudder To Think) contributed vocals to a few tracks ("Hero," "The F Word," and "Half A Mind") and perhaps it is his presence that makes them the three most enjoyable songs on the album.

Also from Michigan, **Papa Vegas**, and many of these other bands, remind me of the faceless bands (such as Foreigner and Asia) who ruled the airwaves long ago. It's the kind of music that you'd have a hard-time identifying without an album sleeve. Papa Vegas's ***Hello Vertigo*** (Sid Flips/RCA) sounds better when they move away from arena-rock, as they do on "Mesmerized," but it's mostly forgettable.

Sounding quite different from the bands from Washington, D.C. and Boston that preceded them, **Vertical Horizon** have a sound geared towards the frat-boy crowd on their major-label debut disc ***Everything You Want*** (RCA/BMG). The title track (and first single) is pleasant enough, but lacks the edge to make it stand out in the crowded crowd of other similar bands. At least they got the **Foo Fighters** right. After languishing in the Land Of Being Unappreciated, the Foo Fighters left Capitol and made the exodus to RCA. With their third disc ***There Is Nothing Left To Lose*** (Roswell/RCA), Foo Fighters have made their most accessible album (not an easy feat) to date. Witness the popularity of the first single "Learn To Fly." Of course, it helps, even now, to have a clever video (directed by Jesse Peretz), and while Foo Fighters are renowned for their smart videos, this one ranks as one of their best. If the remaining material on the disc doesn't break any new ground, at least it maintains the standard set by Grohl and company on their previous releases. The enhanced portion of the CD is pretty cool, and I just wanted to add that Dave Grohl has never looked more fetching than he does with his new shorter haircut.

Reprise: The home to both Joni Mitchell and the recently reunited Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young, this label (also once home to Frank Sinatra) seems to be having an identity crisis. A sweet pop record such as **This Way's** self-titled disc (Reprise), which deserves to be heard by everyone, but especially by fans of pop songcraft, runs the risk of getting buried under harder rocking bands such as **Eight Stops Seven** and **Earth To Andy**, and their discs ***In Moderation*** (Reprise) and ***Chronicle Kings*** (Reprise) respectively. My advice is to check out the This Way disc (especially "She Takes," "Tool," and "Dry Out"), which has a much broader appeal, and pass on Earth To Andy and the "Bush"-league Eight Stops Seven.

Sony Music family: You don't have to visit their website to know that **Gordon** hails from L.A. There's just something that oozes from the speakers when you slip their self-titled disc (Epic/Sony 550/Fifty-seven) into the CD player. That's supposed to be a compliment. This disc, which opens with the funky "Fortified Grapes," stands out because while it's not afraid to go right to the rock edge ("Tickets Of Freedom," "Feed"), it also understands that restraint can also get the message across ("Pain," "Could Be Worse," "Glow").

On ***Superjaded*** (Foodchain/ Columbia), **Liars Inc.** play it fast and loud, while keeping their aggression in check for much of the record. **3 Colours Red** add strings on a couple of tracks on ***Revolt*** (Creation/Epic) which makes them stand out from the crowd. However, in a field as crowded as the one they play in, they need more than a string section, real or simulated.

There was a time when Todd Rundgren's name as producer on a project (such as Patti Smith Group's *Wave* and XTC's *Skylarking*) guaranteed that you were going to be hearing something special. That's not necessarily the case with ***Halfway Down The Sky***. Sure, "Yeah, Whatever," the album's first single, is a catchy bit of hard power-pop, but I expected more from an album with Rundgren's touch. "Space Boy" comes close, but not close enough.

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compiled by Gregg Shapiro

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@ Aragon Ballroom - 773/561-9500: Counting Crows, Gigolo Aunts and Joe 90 1.20 / Beck 1.31

@ Beverly Arts Center Theater - 312/344.6245: Chicago Jazz Ensemble 3.5

@ Center For Performing Arts-Governors State University - 708/487-7774: Salsa Concerto 3.18

@ Centre East - 847/673-6300: Michael Feinstein 2.19 / Ladysmith Black Mambazo 2.26 / Chicago Jazz Ensemble 3.4 / The Babes (Sally Fingerett, Megon McDonough, Debi Smith, Camille West) 3.25 / Coasters, Drifters and Marvelettes 4.15 / Andrea Marcovicci 5.6 / Legends Of The Catskills (Marty Allen, Jack Carter, Frank Gorshin) 5.10 - 14

@ Chicago Theater - 312/443-1130: Morrissey 2.10

@ Davenport's - 773.278.1830: Stephen Rader and Ruth Bonnet 1.19 and 26 / Pam Fox w/Dan Stetzel 1.20 and 27 / Ty Perry 1.21 and 28 (8pm) / Greta Clark w/Jack Short 1.21 and 28, 2.3 (10:30pm) / Colleen McHugh 1.22 and 29, 2.4 (8pm) / Julie Cardia and Janna Cardia 1.22 and 29, 2.5 (10:30pm)

@ Dorothy Menker Theater-Fine & Performing Arts Center - 708/487-7774: A Copland Celebration by the Illinois Philharmonic Chamber Orchestra 2.20

@ Double Door - 773/489-3160: Ellen Rosner and Nicholas Tremulis Band 1.21 / Local H 1.25 / Pal, Woolworthy, Sasha 13 1.26 / Marcy Playground 1.28 / Stereophonics 1.30 / Bobby Conn 2.5

@ Empty Bottle - 773/276-3600: 20 Miles 1.28 / Half Japanese 2.4

@ Fitzgerald's - 708/788-2118: Marcia Ball 1.21 & 22 / Kelly Willis 2.4 / Koko Taylor 2.5 / Lunasa 2.16 / Anders Osborne 2.19 / C. J. Chenier and the Red Hot Louisiana Band 2.25 & 26

@ Gentry of Chicago - 312/836-0933: Open Mic with Beckie Menzie (every Sunday)

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@ Green Mill - 773/UPT-5552: Kurt Elling Quartet 1.28 & 29

@ Hideout - 773/227-4433: Jon Langford & The Six Proud Walkers 1.27

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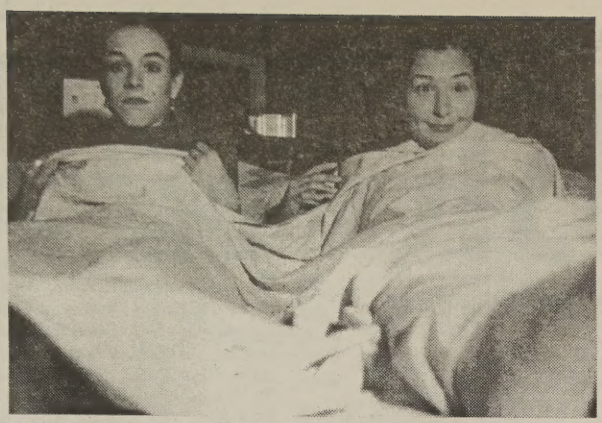
Jan 21: Midsummer Night's Dream Shakespeare's most popular play. Chicago Shakespeare Th, extended thru March 26. 312 595-5600



Katie Cassis and Manao DeMuth in Naked Eye Theatre's Chicago premiere of the lesbian play 'Stop Kiss,' which received great reviews in New York. It opens this weekend.

Jan 22: Fame - The Musical red-hot, emotionally-charged musical return to Chicago Th thru Jan 30. Tkmstr

Jan 22: Rapunzel a musical from the writers of TVs Friends thru March 12 by Emerald City at the Old Town School of Folk Music Children's Center, 909 W Armitage

Jan 22: Sophie's Stories favorite bedtime stories like Walter *the Wolf, Pepita's Story* and *Monkey Trouble*. Raven Th, 773 338-2177

Jan 23: Waiting ON Godot Two women use their all-time-favorite play to dream beyond their current mind numbing work to the breaks they deserve. Athenaeum 2936 N Southport thru Feb 27 773 935-6860

Jan 24: Dedicated to the One I Love by Jackie Taylor, a story inspired by the play *Waiting For Godot*, a musical exploration of life and love tells the story of the last five people left on earth, four Black and one white and how they find the answer to their continued survival. Thru Feb 27, Black Ensemble Th 773 769-4451

Jan 24: Peter and the Wolf Enchanting strains of Prokofiev's timeless masterpiece have captured children's imaginations for generations. Col. of DuPage 630 942-4000

In Performance

A View from the Bridge modern tragedy of a longshoreman whose overwhelming passion for his niece leads to his own destruction. Thru March 5 Raven Th 6931 N clark St 773 248-7680

**** **Better Than Better Than Chocolate** A sketch comedy with lesbian themes, a satirical send-up of lesbian life. Combines new scenes with some of GayCo's favorites from the past. Susan Messing directs. Thru Jan 30. Playground 3341 N Lincoln 773 764-8169

****Class Enemy** six angry, alienated young men in an English school. Despair at being written off by society and the system lead to brutal violence. Now that anger of young men in school has lead to tragedies, the play is even more right-on than when written in the 70s. By Red Hen thru Feb 13 at the Atheneaum. Thru Feb. 13, Tkmstr. 312 409-8123

Curse of the Starving Class: a drunk husband, a cheating wife plus two children and a maggot infested lamb plus some boiling avocados, divided by a house, equals liquid dynamite. The Hypocrites, producers of this Fall's Jeff Recommended production of Marat/Sade at the Viaduct, 3111 N Western, thru Feb 13 312 409-5578

The Deep Blue Sea, by Terence Rattigan, directed by James Pelton. People try to find emotional satisfaction in post-war London, where sexual desire and fragility are at war with loneliness, propriety and class. Studio Theater. 773 883-1090

**** **Devolution** A man who believes he's devolving into an animal is hospitalized and undergoes "treatment" with a staff more animal-like than he is. A dark comedy exploring the innate violence in humans, where that violence may come from, and where it may lead us. This one-act play, written by Neo-Futurist Sean Benjamin, will present forty scenes in random order. Thru Feb 19 Neo-Futurists, 5153 N Ashland 773 878-4557

Hysteria 1939 and Sigmund Freud, his couch, and all of his antiquities have been ignominiously shipped from Nazi-occupied Vienna to a quiet Hampstead suburb, where he hopes to spend his last days in peace. Ensemble member John Malkovich returns to direct Terry Johnson's madcap, moving comedy. Thru Jan 22, 2000, Steppenwolf 312 335-1650

Jacques and His Master Two men in the countryside in 18th century France search for meaning, one desperate to tell how he first fell in love, but always interrupted by his master. They stop at an inn where the keeper tells them another story of love and revenge and the master knows he's in his homeland where his estranged love and their son are living. After twists, turns and duels, the Master and Jacques know that they are inseparable. Thru Feb 26. Tinfish 4247 N Lincoln 773 549-1888

Late Nite Catechism Chicago original widely acclaimed international hit now in its seventh year. Mary McHale stars as Sister. Traditional 1960s catechism classroom, tickling not only those who went thru parochial school but anyone ever taught by an authoritative figure. Interactive comedy Written by Vicki Quade & Maripat Donovan. Directed by Marc Silvia. Ivanhoe, 750 W Wellington 773 975-7171

Orson's Shadow A theater critic tracks down reclusive Orson Welles, convinces him to direct a revival of Ionesco's play Rhinoceros. This now legendary rehearsal process is brought to splendid, impossible life in this new play by ensemble member Austin Pendleton. Join Orson and friends as they wrestle the muse, each other and Vivian Leigh in the study of ego and the art of personality. Thru Feb 13, Steppenwolf Th Co, Garage Th 312 492-7150

Private Passage about a woman's conflicted feelings about her surprise pregnancy, hunted by her own family's turbulent history. Stage Left 3408 N Sheffield thru Feb 9 773 883-8830

**** **To Live As Variously as Possible** celebration of life and work of gay poet Frank O'Hara, who was at the center of a dazzling array of painters, dancers and writers who exploded on the New York scene in the late 1950s. The east coast contemporary of Beat poet Allen Ginsberg, O'Hara's life and work placed him at the forefront of the revolutionary Abstract Expressionist movement in America. Thru Feb 5, TimeLine at Baird Hall Th, 615 W. Wellington 312 409-8463

Too Much Light Makes the Baby Go Blind Thirty constantly changing plays in 60 minutes, every F-S 11:30p, S 7p (Running 11 years now.) Neo-Futurarium open run 773 275-5255

XENA LIVE! Extended thru Jan 30. Greasy Joan Theatre, at About Face Th. Alexandra Billings, Amy Methany, 773-549-7943

The Zoo Story by Edward Albee, one act drama of youthful urban angst and alienation when two men meet in Central Park on a peaceful sunny day only to have matters escalate to savagery and violence. Thru Feb, Excaliber Shakespeare Co 773 533-0285

DANCE

Jan 23: H.T. Chen and Dancers *Eye of the Beholder* thru Feb 12 773 989-3310

ART/PHOTO

****Aldo Castillo Gallery** *Only Mystery* painting by Luis Fernando Uribe (Columbia), transcending imposed cultural, religious and sexual boundaries. Explores the mystery, beauty being the universals of life, love, spirituality at a pivotal time when cynicism and alienation pervade about reality of the world beyond 2000. Thru Jan 29. *Objects of Passion The Art of Latin America and Africa* Feb 18 thru March 25. 233 W Huron 312 337-2536

**** **Communities of Women Art Gallery** Two lesbian artists: Simone Bouyer shows designs that she has been commissioned to do by corporations and Dianna C. Long Brand New Paintings the Colors of Prosperity acrylics on canvasses thru March 28. 30 E Adams 4 th floor 773 275-1319

**** **Friends of the Arts** 12th Anniversary Art Exhibition featuring the 75+ artists on their website www.fota.com. Jan 22, 4 - 8pm.

Peace Museum *Messages for the Millennium: 100 Days of Mail Art*, an exhibition of international mail art thru March 18. The Museum solicited and recieved more than 250 creatvie messages of peace from around the globe, from educational institutions, peace museums, cultural center, artists groups and the public. 314 W Institute Place, 6:30p. 312 440-1860

Riverside Arts *Selections from the Outside* work by self taught artists, thru Feb 12. 708 442-6400

Terra Museum of American Art *The City and the Country: American Perspective 1870-1920* paintings, prints, drawings, watercolors, sculpture from the collection. Thru May 7. 664 N Michigan 312 664-3939

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Jerry's Girls

reviewed by gregg shapiro

Of all the musical revues in the world to have two productions running at the same time in this musical revue loving town, *Jerry's Girls* would not have been my first guess. Be that as it may, *Jerry's Girls* is now playing at both the Stage Right Dinner Theater in west suburban Wood Dale and The Royal George Theater in Chicago.

The production that I saw, at the Stage Right Dinner Theater, did a respectable and respectful job of bringing Jerry Herman's familiar (and lesser-known songs) to the masses. Herman, the man responsible for the music and lyrics to such beloved musicals as *Hello, Dolly!, Mame*, and *La Cage Aux Folles*, as well as *Milk & Honey, Dear World, Parade* and *Mack & Mabel*, has consistently populated his musicals with strong female characters. There was Dolly Levi in *Hello, Dolly!*, Mame Dennis in *Mame*, Mabel Normand in *Mack & Mabel*, and even the strong female impersonator character of ZaZa in *La Cage Aux Folles*, to name a few. Therefore a musical revue celebrating the *Jerry's Girls* makes sense.

Caron Leigh, Paulette Sarussi and Christine Sherrill, the three female leads in the review all bring something unique to the show. Caron Leigh's vocals may have been unsteady in a few numbers, but it was in the scenes that required comic skills that she excelled. Her performance in "Take It All Off" (which Herman wrote specifically for the show) as Fanny Brice in a red union suit and twirling tassels was priceless. Her duet with Paulette Sarussi on "Bosom Buddies" was quite entertaining. As one of three Dollys in the act one finale, she was also at her comedic best.

Ms. Sarussi overcame the jitters that made her forget part of one of her songs to turn in a fine performance on "Bosom Buddies" and as one of the dueling Dollys. However, her best moment occurred in the *La Cage Aux Folles* Medley, where she sang the title song in a black tuxedo and short black wig, successfully bringing gender-fuck to the western suburbs.

Of the three leads, Christine Sherrill had both the best singing voice and the most appealing acting abilities. Her renditions of "Time Heals Everything," "Gooch's Song," and "I Am What I Am" were the high points of the evening.

The six-member ensemble ran the gamut from mediocre to awful. There were off-key solos and graceless dance moves that were very distracting. Frank Roberts' direction and choreography seemed to highlight the flaws in the ensemble, instead of finding a way to mask them.

Keep in mind that this production of *Jerry's Girls* includes a decent meal (my veggie plate was scrumptious). However, if you want to lose your appetite, just look at Senate President James 'Pate' Phillips' picture in the program.

"C" At the Stage Right Dinner Theater, (630) 595-2044, through Feb. 20.

The Homecoming

reviewed by rick reed

Dysfunctional is probably too genteel a term for the family in Harold Pinter's *The Homecoming*, which debuted recently at The Theatre Building. No, this collection of vitriolic loonies makes the average dysfunctional family look like the Brady Bunch. If you're looking for pitch black comedy with bite, this latest Famous Door Theatre Company production delivers.

The play deals with a family of men living together in North London. There's Max (Roderick Peeples), the aging widower father who can go from loving to spiteful with the turn of a single phrase; his milquetoast of a brother, the bachelor Sam (Larry Neumann, Jr.); and Max's three sons: Lenny (Marc Grapey), Joey (Kelly Van Kirk) and Teddy (Scott Kennedy). It is Teddy's visit from America which sets the course of this bizarre journey into the human psyche. He brings with him his wife, Ruth (Elaine Rivkin), a flirtatious embodiment of carnality that turns this exclusive males only household on its head.

The performances in this production are almost uniformly above reproach. Roderick Peeples holds the fabric of the family and the show together with his thoroughly disagreeable, yet involving, turn as the father. Elaine Rivken knows exactly what she's doing to the men in the household and lets the audience in on the knowledge of her power with sly looks outward. Even though these two performers shone, the rest of the ensemble was equally good. This is some of the finest dramatic work I've seen on a Chicago stage. Only Scott Kennedy, as the colorless son Teddy, seemed a bit flat, but that could have been due to the role: Teddy was a cipher, who seemed unmoved even when his wife was being made love to right in front of him by his brothers.

Robert Smith, scenic designer, also did outstanding work, displaying a home that is run down, a graphic representation of despair and want.

Famous Door is becoming recognized as one of the best theater companies in the city. This production is one reason the company is deserving of its recognition. The show combines art and craft perfectly and displays the skill and genius of director Gary Griffin.

Final thought: If you appreciate art that dares to take risks, you'll appreciate this near-perfect realization of one of this century's finest playwrights.

***The Homecoming* runs through March 5 at the Theatre Building. Call (773) 327-5252.**

The Deep Blue Sea

reviewed by rick reed

The Deep Blue Sea by British playwright Terence Rattigan is a great play. Its themes of obsession and thwarted love are as fresh now as they were when first performed in 1952. The characterizations are sharp and distinctive, natural and credibly motivated. Bailiwick and director James Pelton deserve an ovation for bringing this fine piece of drama to a Chicago stage. Pelton had great material to work with in this story of an unhappy woman, Hester (Sara Walsh), who has left her staid judge husband, Collyer (Don Bender) to pursue a tumultuous relationship with test pilot Freddie (Brad Light). The story is a gripping one, right from the beginning when the tortured Hester is discovered by her landlady in the midst of a suicide attempt. Hester's realization that the man she loves can never love her back and that she wants him anyway, at the cost of her own self-esteem, forms the play's thematic backbone.

Albeit a great play, the production here seldom rises above mediocre. This show is competent, rather than inspired, well crafted rather than artistic. One of the things that drags the show down are the bad British accents. How easy it would have been to solve this problem with just a few minor changes to the script and set the show in Chicago instead of London. The setting is not integral to the message or the plot. Ric Kraus, for example, gives a wonderful performance as the failed doctor, Miller, but what he was trying to do with his accent is still a puzzle (German?). The judge and the landlady are another example of incorrect British accents: these two, from different classes, would have spoken entirely different dialects.

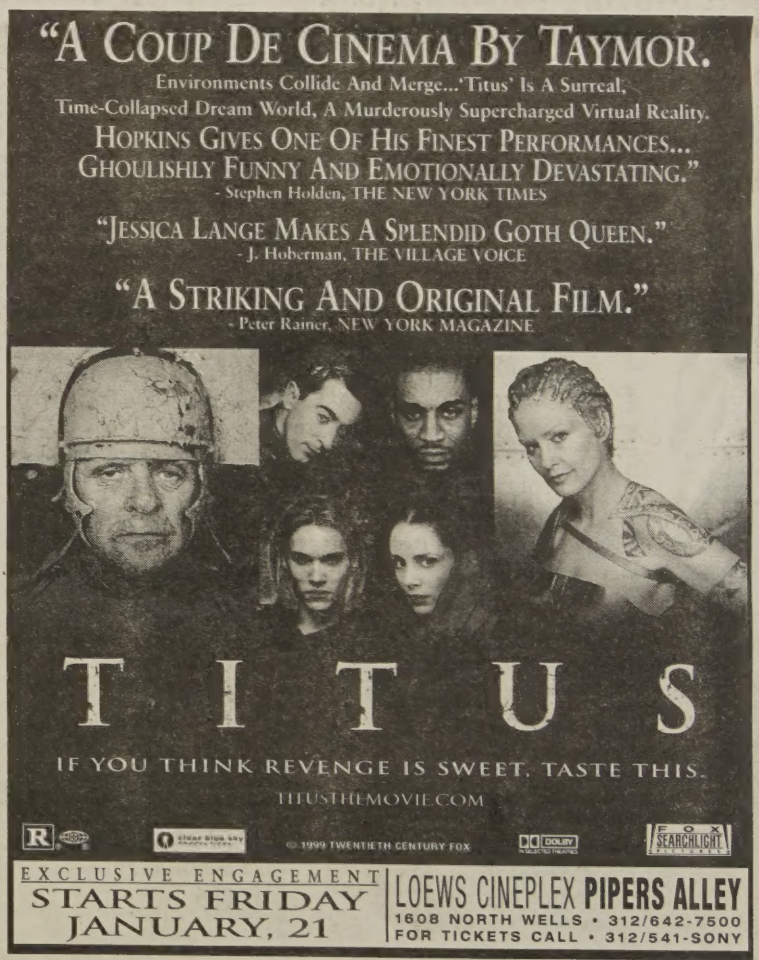
From 'Jerry's Girls' at Stage Right Theatre.

Accents aside, the show had one truly outstanding performance. Brad Light, as the cruel, yet boyish, Freddie, was absolutely perfect. Light managed to effortlessly show how a man who could be so awful could still exert such a powerful physical and emotional attraction. Unfortunately, he didn't have a match in his opposite, Sara Walsh, as Hester. Walsh always seemed to be *Acting*. Fortunately for her, Rattigan put words in her mouth that any woman (or man) who's ever been in love in spite of the harm it was causing, will recognize.

My only other quibble with the show is the physical space in which it was performed. The Bailiwick Studio needs to give its audience members some breathing room. The tiny, armless, uncomfortable seats are crammed so close together that physical intimacy with your neighbors is not only possible, but unavoidable.

Final thought: An average production of a superior play.

***The Deep Blue Sea* runs through Feb. 6 at the Bailiwick Arts Center. Phone (773) 883-1090.**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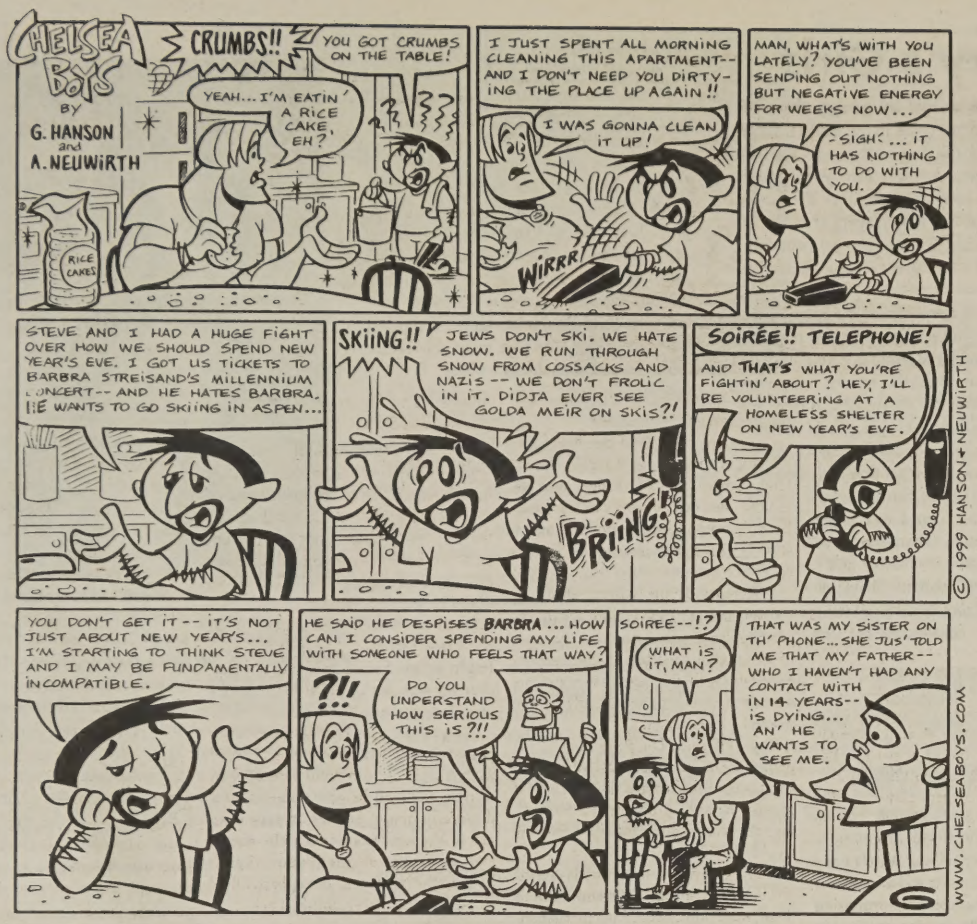
CHELSEA BOYS
BY G. HANSON and A. NEUWIRTH
CRUMBS!!
YOU GOT CRUMBS ON THE TABLE!
YEAH... I'M EATIN' A RICE CAKE, EH?
RICE CAKES
I JUST SPENT ALL MORNING CLEANING THIS APARTMENT-- AND I DON'T NEED YOU DIRTYING THE PLACE UP AGAIN!!
I WAS GONNA CLEAN IT UP!
WIRRR
MAN, WHAT'S WITH YOU LATELY? YOU'VE BEEN SENDING OUT NOTHING BUT NEGATIVE ENERGY FOR WEEKS NOW...
-SIGH- ... IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU.
STEVE AND I HAD A HUGE FIGHT OVER HOW WE SHOULD SPEND NEW YEAR'S EVE. I GOT US TICKETS TO BARBRA STREISAND'S MILLENNIUM CONCERT-- AND HE HATES BARBRA. HE WANTS TO GO SKIING IN ASPEN...
SKIING!!
JEWS DON'T SKI. WE HATE SNOW. WE RUN THROUGH SNOW FROM COSSACKS AND NAZIS -- WE DON'T FROLIC IN IT. DIDJA EVER SEE GOLDA MEIR ON SKIS?!
BRIING!
SOIRÉE!! TELEPHONE!
AND THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE FIGHTIN' ABOUT? HEY, I'LL BE VOLUNTEERING AT A HOMELESS SHELTER ON NEW YEAR'S EVE.
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YOU DON'T GET IT -- IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT NEW YEAR'S... I'M STARTING TO THINK STEVE AND I MAY BE FUNDAMENTALLY INCOMPATIBLE.
HE SAID HE DESPISES BARBRA ... HOW CAN I CONSIDER SPENDING MY LIFE WITH SOMEONE WHO FEELS THAT WAY?
?!!
DO YOU UNDERSTAND HOW SERIOUS THIS IS?!!
SOIREE--!?
WHAT IS IT, MAN?
THAT WAS MY SISTER ON TH' PHONE... SHE JUS' TOLD ME THAT MY FATHER-- WHO I HAVEN'T HAD ANY CONTACT WITH IN 14 YEARS-- IS DYING... AN' HE WANTS TO SEE ME.
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Puzzler

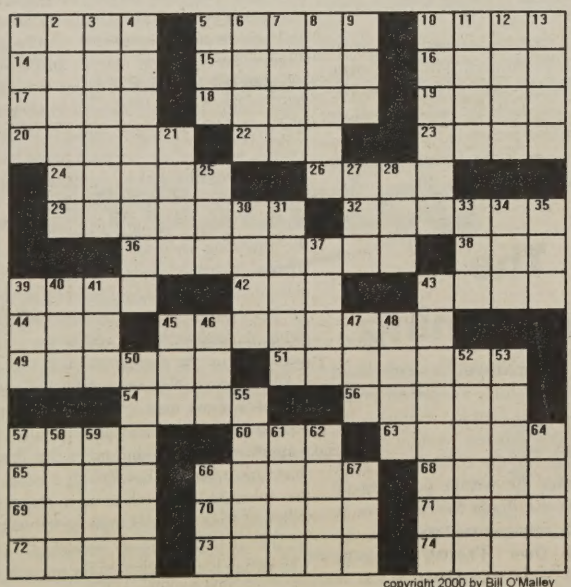
See solution to this puzzle in the back of this issue.

ACROSS

1 Farm building
5 With 73 Across, source of this puzzle's quote
10 Shopping center
14 Popular cookie
15 Tie, in tennis
16 Opera highlight
17 Pepper's partner
18 Attempted
19 Prefix for circle
20 Brittle
22 Sea, to Pierre
23 Russian monarch
24 Popular skiing mecca
26 Chomp
29 First part of a Victorian era quote characterizing gay relationships of that time
32 Moved quickly
36 Haphazardly, two words
38 Self
39 Converse
42 Between L and P
43 Labels
44 Prefix with bar, on a weather map
45 Discipline again
49 Immaculate
51 The last part of the quote started with 29 Across
54 Dissolve
56 Iron or copper
57 Be concerned
60 Food scrap
63 Prepares for publication
65 Gemstone
66 Sing
68 Sun god
69 Latvian
70 Japanese or Indian
71 Attorney general, Janet
72 Three, in Madrid
73 Last name of 5 Across
74 Before, before

DOWN

1 Pear
2 Noah's landing spot
3 Enjoy
4 Part three of the quote started with 29 Across
5 Opposite of even
6 Joint
7 Remedy
8 Caustic
9 Crimson
10 Slave owner
11 Greek god of war
12 Peruvian capitol
13 Den
21 Animal skin
25 Negative
27 Wedding words
28 Scottish cap
30 Flirt
31 Boredom
33 Coffee alternative
34 Ovum
35 Computer language, for short
37 Negative admonition
39 Twitch
40 Cigarette end
41 Mauna ___, Hawaiian volcano
43 Second part of the quote started with 29 Across
45 Map abbr.
46 Snakelike fish
47 Doctrine suffix
48 Highlander's knife
50 Does an iron worker's job
52 Mutilator
53 Rock star John, and namesakes
55 Trunks
57 Young horse
58 Copier
59 Appraise
61 Stir up
62 Frog's cousin
64 Brat
66 Crow sound
67 Compass point



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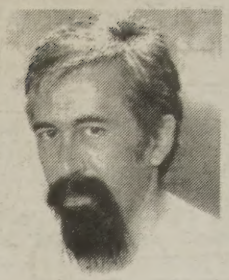

Interviews and History
by Sukie de la Croix

The Raid on the Fun Lounge ...

"I am wondering if in your extensive and wonderful exploration of gay bar history you have ever had anyone mention a place called 'The Fun Lounge' on Mannheim Road? There was a very infamous raid there in the spring of '64.

"I was a senior in high school in Dundee in 1963-'64. Our English teacher, named _____, was arrested there one Friday night after he dismissed us for play practice in '64. It was a huge scandal that made the front pages for days. Several other teachers were there that night when a raid took place, including the principal of Willowbrook High School in Villa Park.

"The Chicago papers played up the lurid aspects—that men were dancing with other men, etc. Few of our community members had ever heard of this kind of thing before. It was all political and represented a 'clean up' campaign by Sheriff Woods or whoever was in charge. (Sukie: It was Sheriff Richard Ogilvie, later to become Governor of Illinois.) A huge outrage began to swell, despite the efforts of so many of us to spare our teacher.

"To make a long story short, Mr. _____ (age 31) was run out of Dundee and lost his job. The others all suffered similar sad fates. It was most disturbing, especially to those of us in his classes who were VERY closeted young gay guys. It was a vivid and nightmarish display of the brutality and ugliness that simply being gay could unleash. Our teacher had been very highly respected until this Fun Lounge incident.

"My heart aches as I look back on that period, so long ago and yet not so long ago. Those teachers were all destroyed for simply being in a bar far from their school districts. They were held downtown in lock-ups, booked and photographed. They were then harassed and dismissed once the Chicago papers and the media 'broke' the story. It was such a sad display of the conservatism and homophobia of the era. Until then, frankly, I don't think that anyone had even THOUGHT that teachers might be homosexual.

"I often wonder whatever happened to dear Mr. _____. He would be about 66 now. He was a superior teacher but looking back on that year, there indeed WERE some tell-tale signs. When *Bonanza* was giving Judy Garland a run for her money, Mr. _____ actually used to give us extra credit if we watched the *Judy Garland Show* on Sunday nights!" — Doug

CHICAGO TRIBUNE Sunday, April 26, 1964, reads:

Teacher, 1 of 8 Seized in Vice Raid, Quits

One of eight suburban teachers arrested in a vice raid early yesterday morning at the Fun Lounge, a tavern at 2340 N. Mannheim Rd., Leydon Twp., resigned yesterday afternoon.

____, 24, of 2025 Pine Ave., Des Plaines, a teacher in Lincoln Junior High School in Park Ridge, quit although he denied any wrongdoing. Blair Plimpton, district superintendent, said ____'s resignation would be accepted.

Arrests Being Investigated

Cook and Du Page county school superintendent's offices said that the cases of seven other suburban teachers arrested along with 95 other men and six women in the raid by sheriff's police would be investigated.

Roy DeShane, Du Page county superintendent, said that local school districts would investigate the charges. If proved, he said, procedures for revoking the certification of the teachers would be initiated.

Many of the men arrested carried powder puffs and lipsticks and some of them wore wigs, according to Richard Cain, the sheriff's investigator.

Marijuana is Seized

Among those arrested by a squad led by Cain were a civilian employee of the Chicago police department, a deputy court clerk assigned to the Chicago board of election commissioners, and an employee of the Cook County forest preserve district.

The squad seized a supply of marijuana freshly shipped from Mexico and valued at $500 to $1,000 along with several hundred barbiturates.

Arrested in living quarters in the rear of the place was the Lounge proprietor, Louis Gauger, 53, a 270-pound avowed friend of Tony Accardo, the "elder statesman" of the crime syndicate.

Gauger had tangled with Sheriff Richard B. Ogilvie at least once before. That was in 1960 when Gauger testified on behalf of Accardo when Ogilvie, then a federal prosecutor, won a conviction which later was reversed, against Accardo for income tax evasion.

When campaigning for the sheriff's office, Ogilvie had termed Gauger's Fun Lounge as "too revolting to describe in detail in public."

Some Carry Lipsticks

"Gauger advertises special parties which start at 5 a.m.," Ogilvie said in his campaign speeches. "Under-age drinkers, including high school students, mingle with degenerates to watch indecent shows."

Included in the 109 persons arrested in the early morning raid were six minors. There also were five women arrested.

Among those arrested was _____, 56, of 225 E. 1st St, Elmhurst, who, police said, identified himself as principal of the Villa Park junior high school. Police also said _____ formerly was superintendent of schools for Du Page county.

Those arrested who were identified as teachers were: (Sukie note: There follows a list of names and addresses of those arrested).

Freed on bail

Judge Wayne Olson of the Oak Park branch of Circuit court spent most of the morning at the Criminal courts building processing bonds for the defendants before assigning all of them for appearance in his Oak Park court on May 15.

All those arrested were finger printed and photographed. The patrons were released on $25 bonds after being charged with having been patrons of a disorderly house.

Gauger, the Fun Lounge proprietor, posted $1,500 bond after being charged with sale of liquor to minors, possession of narcotics, and being the keeper of a disorderly house. Similar charges were placed against: (Sukie note: The names and addresses of the liquor license holder, the manager, three bartenders and the bouncer are published here).

Inconspicuous Spot

The Fun Lounge has an inconspicuous tile front, no front windows, no sign or neon lights, and a steel front door, and occupies the south half of a long building for which the mailing address is 2340 N. Mannheim Rd.

"You would have to know the Fun Lounge was there for you couldn't tell it from the front," said a person in the neighborhood.

The sheriff's office had kept the Fun Lounge under close surveillance for three weeks before obtaining a search warrant for the raid from Acting Chief Judge Edward Plusdrak of the Criminal division of Circuit court.

Memory check: After this article appeared, people lost their jobs, families were torn apart, and there were allegedly suicides, and when the case came to court ... **ALL CHARGES WERE DROPPED.**

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1995: 5 Years Ago

U.S.: After the invasion of Panama, there is press speculation about Manuel Noriega's sexuality. He is said to have enjoyed wearing perfume, yellow jumpsuits and matching yellow shoes. He also allegedly had an affair with a famous Black male ballet dancer and is fond of red underwear. ▼ **France:** The European Commission on Human Rights in Strasbourg accepts the case of three British gay men who were jailed for consensual sado-masochistic sex in the infamous Operation Spanner police action. ▼ **Italy:** Azzurre Brescia, a women's soccer team in Milan, is pulled from its league because of lesbian relationships among the players.

1990: 10 Years Ago

U.S.: Palm Beach becomes the first county in Florida to prohibit anti-gay discrimination in housing, the financing of housing, and public accommodations, when it amends its fair-housing laws. ▼ In San Francisco, a lesbian couple and a gay man are ordained as clergy in the Evangelical Lutheran Church, in defiance of a denominational ban on non-celibate gay clergy. ▼ The Food and Drug Administration for the first time approves a test for the usefulness of marijuana in the treatment of side effects of HIV chemotherapies. ▼ In Philadelphia, local TV stations reject a Lesbian and Gay Task Force 30-second public announcement portraying a young man wondering why his school never told him about Walt Whitman's homosexuality. ▼ In Chicago, a four-year-old boy, Lattie McGee, is bound, tortured and killed by the live-in boyfriend of his mother, after the boyfriend accused the child of being homosexual. ▼ **Russia:** Twenty Russian citizens announce the formation of the Moscow Lesbian and Gay Union. The group begins publishing a newspaper with an initial circulation of 527.

1985: 15 Years Ago

U.S.: Houston voters reject a measure that would have banned discrimination against lesbians and gay men in city hiring. ▼ The Virginia Supreme Court rules unanimously that because of his illicit and immoral relationship with his lover, a gay man—known only as David Roe—does not deserve custody of his 10-year-old daughter. ▼ Black and White Men Together join a list of endorsers of a demonstration in Washington against Ronald Reagan's inauguration. The demo was initiated by the People's Anti-War Mobilization and the All People's Congress, and focuses on U.S. support for South Africa and right-wing Central American dictatorships. ▼ **Britain:** Lord John Frederick Wolfenden, an educator and social reformer who helped change the laws on homosexuality, dies at age 78.

1980: 20 Years Ago

U.S.: *Gayellow Pages* announce the publication of their Canada and Central United States edition. ▼ A Christian fundamentalist pays $4,000 for a full-page ad in a Los Angeles paper to condemn Gov. Jerry Brown's stand supporting gay rights. Vergil Grove used the headline: "No, no Mr. Brown! God's answer to gays is Nay, Nay." ▼ Parents and Friends of Gays in Denver takes out full-page ads in both mainstream Denver newspapers as part of their public education campaign. ▼ **Greece:** AMPHI, a publication of the Liberation Movement of Greek Homosexuals, is confiscated because it contains a poem that is "an affront to public morality." The poem contains sexual and physical references and is illustrated with a male nude drawing. ▼ **Britain:** Gay photographer and costume designer Cecil Beaton dies at age 76.

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MINSTREL BLOOD

BY ALIX DOBKIN

BEFORE WE TALK ABOUT THE EMPEROR'S NEW GENDER

(Part 1)

Intros, disclaimers, caveats, explainers and precautions

"... disappointment takes out its knife ..." — *Butch resisiting the pressure to change gender* Elana Dykewomon

You know that glazed look certain born-again Christians get in their eyes when they're not listening? Or how voices of loud-mouthed Republican politicians and TV pundits get even louder to outshout the opposition? To foreclose debate defends the faint-hearted against perceived attack, even when no attack is intended. Beloved tactic of cowards and bullies everywhere, shutting down discussion stymies challenges to the firmly held, vulnerable doctrine of the True Believer. Thus does insecurity unite with bluster to frustrate education's advance.

This brings to mind an incident occuring 20 years ago in Europe. At a concert in Zurich I identified myself as Jewish, whereupon a small group of women got up and left the theater. Why? They didn't say, but we can guess.

My deal with myself was that if I agreed to tour Germany and Switzerland it would be on condition that I declare my Jewishness at every show. Otherwise I could not have endured setting foot on those killing fields. But I was as unprepared for the shockingly defensive reaction that statement would provoke in my audience as they were to hear it. Naively assuming that German Dykes were as used to discussing sensitive race issues as we USA veterans were, it never occured to me how personally they would take this (seemingly) simple declaration. If I hadn't immediately calmed my audience with friendly assurances they would have shut down and shut me out, and by the time I reached Switzerland I understood that going public as a Jew required the following instant affirmations: That

1) I did not believe in God.

2) I did not necessarily support Israel's every action, and

3) I did not blame any of them for the holocaust.

These three disclaimers usually relaxed most of the crowd enough so they could sit through my show without excessive distress. Passionate English and German post-concert dialogues proved wrenchingly difficult, but they moved everyone forward, and we were all glad to have stuck with it.

I hadn't thought about that old story for many years until Elana Dykewomon told me of a similar experience at a reading only weeks ago of San Francisco Jewish Lesbian writers. When she spoke the name of her new poem (see above), a group of transgendered individuals and their supporters got to their feet and left the theater. Had they stayed they might have learned what this award-winning writer and long-time survivor of Lesbian community struggles (since before some of them were born) had to say, proving that closed minds are not limited to anti-Semites. Like my Swiss departees, this bunch also refused to listen. Too bad, they lose.

Experiences such as these and others have prompted this extensive preface to my (next) column on transgender, particularly FTM (female to male). I am well aware of how volatile an issue it is in our community and how personal it can feel.

Jim Fouratt, long-time activist, writer, independent thinker and faery has lately taken quite the trashing for his forthright critique of Genderpac's "ruthless and aggressive attack on the gay and lesbian community based on gender bias... ." Jim and I agree that, "once again men are defining who and what women are." That's our opinion and we are entitled to it without being called "nazi," "fascist" and the like, as we each have in the past when overstepping the party line on gender.

Therefore, in the hope of contributing more light than heat to the discussion, let it be known that I am aware that:

1) transgender issues present complex and difficult terrain loaded with quicksand and stumbling blocks which I approach respectfully and with an open mind.

2) Over the past decade I've accumulated masses of information and engaged in much study, reflection, thoughtful discussion and process with a variety of people representing diverse perspectives.

3) In conversations with transgendered individuals and their supporters, some of whom I like and some not, I am aware of their pain and try not to add to it.

4) Everyone needs a community where they feel respected and safe.

5) There is more to learn.

Further credentials are available upon request. Now here is the question to my Queer/LGBT community, particularly young butch Lesbians who are considering "changing" genders: Is thoughtful, open discussion possible without personal attacks and hurt feelings?

So let's put away the knives. Can we talk?

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Family Holi-daze?

BY MUBARAK DAHIR

I was already nervous enough about attending the holidays for the first time with my lover's family. Being pulled aside for a private conversation by my lover's mother as soon as I set foot into her home Christmas Eve did nothing to soothe my fears.

This was the fourth Christmas season to pass since Darryl and I fell in love. Although he had always been part of my family's Christmas celebration, it was the first time I would be part of his. We were both filled with trepidation.

To be fair, I had been invited to his family's before. Sort of.

Christmas Eve is the focal point of the holiday celebration for my lover's family. The Sicilian tradition, I have learned, is a feast of fish on Christmas Eve. It is a tradition Darryl's mother, and her children, have followed their entire lives. No matter how far away anyone was living or what sibling disagreements might be fueling the family feud of the moment, Darryl and his brother and two sisters, and their respective families, were always home at their mother's house for Christmas Eve. To their mother, Christmas Eve meant family.

But in the past it was painfully clear that her definition of family did not include me, her son's lover, the blood-and-flesh embodiment and physical reminder of a fact she worked so hard to deny, or at least to ignore. She could not overcome her personal aversion or her deeply held Catholic devotion against her son's homosexuality.

The year before, when one of his sisters leaked advance notice that I would be invited for Christmas, Darryl was jubilant, optimistic the invitation signaled a significant turning point in his mother's ability to cope, maybe even accept, our love.

But Darryl was bitterly disappointed when he found out I had been invited only for Christmas Day. Christmas Eve was not part of the invitation. To someone outside the family, the distinction might seem minor and unimportant. But to Darryl the message was devastatingly clear: His lover was still not accepted as part of the family.

When he had called and asked why his lover was not included in the most important part of the holiday celebration, his mother said point-blank what he feared. "Darryl, you know Christmas Eve is just for the family."

When Darryl reminded her I was his family, she responded, "OK, then. Christmas Eve is just for *my* family."

That year, the rift between Darryl and his family divided Darryl and me, as well. I accused him of not standing up strongly enough for our relationship. He said I was not meeting his mother half way. In the end, I went to my sister's on Christmas Eve and, as tradition dictates, Darryl to his mom's.

This year, for the first time, things were different. This year, when I was invited for the holidays, the invitation

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Miranda Writes

The 4th Millennium

BY MIRANDA STEVENS-MILLER

So, here we are again, at the dawn of a New Millennium. Those thousand years just seemed to fly by. Seems like only yesterday we were celebrating the dawn of the Third Millennium, way back in the year 2000, and here it is—January 3000 already. My, my, my! Well—everyone likes to look back to see how far we've come in 1000 years.

So let's do that, shall we?

I guess it started with the great population crisis of the 21st Century, with the Earth's population doubling every 5 years. That was when the United Federation of Earth was formed to do something about the overabundance of humanity before we all ate ourselves out of house and home. The solution, of course, was to outlaw those yucky mixed-sex marriages.

The straight marriage ban meant that there could be no marriages at all. Remember, back then the world was still in the dark ages. As unbelievable as it seems today, same-sex marriages were not allowed. So, how did the world finally come to its senses? It was largely a result of the great revolt of the Wedding Workers of the World in coalition with the United World Churches.

All those people left unemployed by the collapse of the marriage industry!

And then, one of unemployed clergymen found a long lost translation of the Holy Bible, which proved that all unions between two people who loved one another were truly blessed. You all know this translation of the Bible as the King Dell version, which we use today. Same-sex marriages were finally universally acknowledged and celebrated.

But the shortages of food due to population pressures continued well into the 23rd Century. There was so much societal pressure against heterosexuals that they were forced into hiding. By this time they were a minority of the population. They suffered hideous indignities. Although they were reluctantly allowed to remain employed, they found that they could not reveal anything about their partners. The men (called "husbands") were not allowed to put pictures of their partners (called "wives") on their desks. At company picnics, they were not invited to bring their opposite-sex partner. Of course, there were no spousal benefits, not even bereavement leave. Holding hands and other public displays of affection between heterosexuals were illegal. And, of course, the male partner of a mixed-sex marriage could not adopt the child of his "wife."

Somewhere along the line, I think it was in the 24th Century, the DSM-XXVII started listing "heterosexuality" as "heterosexual identity disorder." Some unscrupulous psychiatrists were even getting rich doing reparative therapy on closeted heterosexuals. In the end, we realized that this could never work. Once a heterosexual, always a heterosexual. That was just about 30 years ago, when the psychiatrists decided to remove "heterosexual identity disorder" from the DSM-XLVI.

One of the strangest occurrences happened toward the end of the 25th Century—the clothing of men and women became indistinguishable. Everyone wore what he or she liked, as an outward expression of their humanity to the world. It was a very colorful world. But the cross-dressers and drag queens, which had been so popular during the first half of the millennium, vanished entirely from the face of the earth. With nothing left to emulate, seems like they just lost interest.

Of course, the transsexuals absolutely thrived during the 3rd Millennium. The popular pressure to refrain from heterosexual relationships especially mandated this. If one was attracted toward women, then one had to physically be a woman, and vice versa. Sex-

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dining out and dining in

Taste

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Eater's Digest

by rick karlin

Fresh Starts 1040 Sterling Drive, Flossmoor 708-957-7900

My partner in dine, Penny Nichols, lives on the Far South Side. She likes the fact that home prices are so much more reasonable but often laments that the South Side is a veritable wasteland when it comes to interesting, non-chain restaurants, With the exception of a few places in Beverly and Hyde Park, there ain't much, as she often points out.

So, you can imagine how excited she was to tell me about Fresh Starts in beautiful downtown Flossmoor. Fresh Starts offers an elegant atmosphere, top-notch service, and, though slightly higher priced than most restaurants in the area, is a bargain in relation comparable places on the North Side of Chicago. First courses range from $2.95, for a house salad, to $8.95, for lobster filled ravioli.

Entrees average $15 to $20, and offer extensive options for the vegetarian or light diner.

It's not just the prices and service that make Fresh Starts so attractive, it is the imaginative, well-prepared food. Penny swears that she's never had a bad experience there. Among her favorites are the warm goat cheese salad; a marvelous combination of fresh greens, morsels of fresh fruit, and a delicious, freshly made, dressing. The mushroom tart is also a must try, if it's available when you visit. Sauteed mushrooms are caressed by blue cheese and presented in a phyllo dough shell. Unusual and very rich, but worth every calorie-laden bite.

One of the highest priced entrees available is the rack of lamb. and it is a lamb lover's delight. A hearty flavor permeates the perfectly cooked meat. Creamy, oven roasted, Yukon Gold Potatoes present an interesting balance to the lamb, while fresh green beans in a slightly bitter bacon dressing add just the perfect piquant touch.

Fish lovers, if the seafood kabobs are a featured special when you visit, reel them in. A curved skewer presenting a combination of plump shrimp, sea scallops and tender marlin adorned the skewer on the night of our visit. Each was cooked to absolute perfection and was sprinkled with a delicate melange of seasonings. This dish was served floating on a pool of a creamy dill sauce. A mound of steamed basmati rice pilaf completed the dish.

Since Fresh Starts bills itself as a "restaurant, catering and bakery" place, we were surprised by the limited choices for dessert. About the only thing that appealed to us was the Chocolate Flan. This was not the custard flan most are used to, but the version consisting of sponge cake with creamy topping. Not bad, but not what we had readied our taste buds for.

Service is friendly and knowledgeable, but a tad too attentive. After a while we really wanted to be left alone to enjoy our meal. There is an extensive wine list and plenty of parking.

On a scale of 1-10: Food — 8, Ambiance — 8, Service — 7, Value — 8. Overall score: 7.75. This gold mine in the southwestern 'burbs is a must for South Siders, worth a side trip if you're headed that way and probably won't disappoint you if you're making a special trip.

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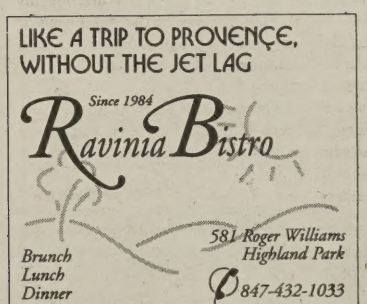

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The Wockner Wire

by Rex Wockner

NOT GAY!

Kevin Spacey is not gay. NOT gay! A homo-free zone. Unqueer. Got it?

Last October he told PLAYBOY: "It's not true. It's a lie. ... It wasn't that I cared if they [ESQUIRE magazine in 1997] inferred I was gay, because I believe people in this country are more advanced than certain members of the media who try to use their medium as a weapon. But I felt betrayed."

And now he tells Britain's SHE magazine: "My personal life was speculated on because I wouldn't answer a journalist's question, 'are you gay?' I said, 'I'm offended by your question. It ain't none of your business and it shouldn't matter.' At the time I thought 'I can't answer it now, or I'll look like I'm defending myself.' But I decided it doesn't matter to me or my family."

Is it the media's business if a movie star is gay and should it matter? I think that in this country at this time in history, we do consider public figures' personal lives to be of interest. Whether that is right or wrong is a different topic. The point here is that if we're going to care about the private lives of straight public figures, it's only consistent to care about gay public figures' private lives as well.

Should it matter if a public figure is gay? No, but it does. When we finish this little battle for civil rights and liberation that we've been waging for the past 30 years, then it won't matter. In the meantime, if gay public figures answer the question "Are you gay?" truthfully, we'll get done a lot faster. The more Ellens, Eltons, Melissas and Ruperts we have with us, the sooner the fight will be over.

What next for the gay press?

In an interview with the Australian national daily newspaper THE AGE, Max McLean, editor of the gay newspaper MELBOURNE STAR OBSERVER, wonders if there is still a need for the gay press given that daily newspapers cover most of our important news now.

Good question. Even the best gay newspaper in the world, D.C.'s WASHINGTON BLADE, is old news when it comes out on Friday, at least to me, because I've read 70 percent of the stories days earlier online from the Associated Press.

Does the AP write the stories as well as the BLADE? No. But I don't read most stories to the end or savor all the predictable quotes from gay leaders anyway. In most cases, I want the who- what-when-where, which I can get in five to 15 paragraphs.

This problem is even worse when you pick up THE ADVOCATE, which is reporting news I read online or in my daily newspaper two or three weeks ago. What are they thinking?

In a city like New York, where you have THE NEW YORK TIMES falling all over itself to cover us, a traditional gay newspaper is indeed obsolete. Here in San Diego, where I live, the daily UNION-TRIBUNE only covers maybe 25 percent of our news, so the two local gay papers do not yet need to reinvent themselves.

But they will need to soon enough. Gay editors and publishers need to get together and ask, "Where do we go from here?" My hunch is that gay papers will need to reformulate themselves (Toronto's XTRA! has done this) along the lines of alternative weeklies—moving away from pages and pages of hard news that already has been reported, and toward analysis, opinion, features, event listings, and investigative reporting. Your thoughts? E-mail me at wockner@cris.com

Star Tracks

Ellen DeGeneres will have a new show on CBS this fall. Her character will be the host of a TV comedy series. A CBS spokesman told PARADE magazine, "The idea of her character being gay has not been discussed but we'd have no problem with it if that's what Ellen wants." It's a brave new millennium, kids.

Melissa Etheridge and Julie Cypher revealed that the father of their kids is decidedly unhandsome rock legend David Crosby, 58. "He's musical, which means a lot to me," Etheridge told ROLLING STONE. The kids, ages 3 and 1, were borne by Cypher who was artificially inseminated. "No kitchen implements were involved," she said. Crosby told ROLLING STONE, "Maybe it's a good thing for a lot of straight families to see that this is not something strange." This is invaluable propaganda for our cause.

Madonna is selling the new $6.55-million London home she bought a few weeks ago because she's freaked about the attack on George Harrison and thinks her house is too visible from the street. Meanwhile, she'll be debuting her version of Don McLean's "American Pie" Jan. 30 at the Super Bowl—a bald and shameless ploy to get fags to watch a stupid football game.

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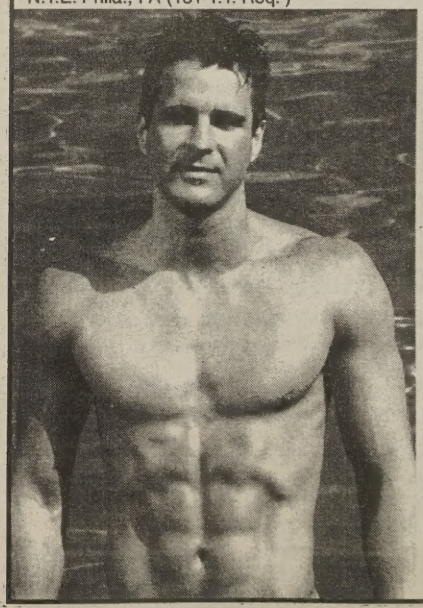

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DAHIR from 22

was not just for Christmas Day. The all-important, all-symbolic Christmas Eve was part of the invitation package, too. I knew Darryl was terribly happy with this change of facts on the ground. I can't say how much lobbying, or behind-the-scenes wrangling, or threats from both he and his mother, ensued prior to the invitation. Darryl chose not to give me those details; I was just as content not to inquire.

All I knew was that the invitation made him very, very happy. And it made me very, very scared.

When Darryl took a previous boyfriend to Thanksgiving years earlier, his brother-in-law stomped out, refusing to return while the homos were still in the house. Darryl was blamed for the fiasco. In his family's twisted logic, he was the one who had ruined the day by breaking up the family. I also knew from tales of previous holiday gatherings that some family members were prone to use the word "fag."

I warned Darryl I would not tolerate open hostility. If things degenerated, I told him, I wouldn't hold my tongue. And if things got bad enough, I'd simply leave.

But even as I told Darryl these things, I mentally prepared myself to try to endure the worst, whatever it might be. Through the years of wrangling with Darryl's family—particularly his mother—I had come to learn, quite hard-headedly and somewhat belatedly, that all the fussing and hostility had very little to do with me. I had even come to realize that Darryl's mother probably even liked me. It was what I represented that she struggling with. And, I understood, might never come to accept.

This year, I finally grasped the obvious: The drama being played out over Christmas Eve had nothing to do with me, and everything to do with Darryl and his mother. I was simply the prop the two of them were using to channel their emotions, to test each other's love, to force open doors, and to push each other's limits.

However, none of all this newfound wisdom made things any easier. I was anxious about how the evening would go. I was not feeling comforted when I walked through the door that fateful night and, before I even slipped out of my coat, found myself being pulled to the side for a private heart-to-heart with Darryl's mother.

In the instant before she spoke, I imagined what she might be about to tell me. I listened closely as she put her arm on my shoulder and looked at me conspiratorially. "You know, my son-in-law is going to be here tonight," she began, looking at me beseechingly. "He's a bit of a prude, and I don't want him to spoil everyone's evening. So," she continued, almost apologetic, "I was going to introduce you as Darryl's 'friend.' Is that going to be OK with you?"

In that moment, I thought of how I despised the word "friend" as a euphemism for gay couples. I also thought about the impossibility of the word "lover" ever crossing this woman's lips. And I thought of all the hostility we had each put aside so we could be here together on this night, for Darryl's sake.

"That would be just fine," I assured her. Her face melted into relief. Then, to my astonishment, she wrapped her arms around me in a most unexpected and genuine hug.

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MILLER from 22

change clinics were on every street corner. The operations became so simple, and yet so effective, that even a first-year medical student could master the technique.

Last year, in 2999, some tiny state in the northeast portion of the Western Continent, declared that heterosexual couples are entitled to the same benefits that we acquired through marriage. This stirred up a great controversy in the media. One of the candidates for Imperial Ruler even commented on it, saying that this is "a deeply disturbing decision."

At the dawn of the 4th Millennium, I am asking you to put aside your moral outrage and indignation at the heterosexual rights movement for a moment. I am asking you to forget those traditional family values. Just because heterosexuals engage in what we see as distasteful doesn't mean we should punish them or their (gag!) offspring. Please, try to accept that heterosexuals are people too. Some of them anyway.

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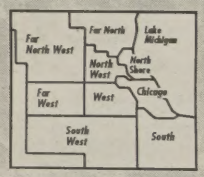

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PALM SPRINGS — AN (ALMOST) YEAR-ROUND RESORT

by Richard S. Klein

Horace Greeley told the young men to go west. The advice still holds true for the gay and lesbian traveler. We are speaking of Palm Springs, California, the almost year-round pleasure venue.

It gets pretty hot in the summer, "dry heat" notwithstanding. But other months there is much to recommend—Palm Springs: brilliant sunshine, spectacular mountain valley setting, an ample variety of gay and lesbian lodging, nightlife, spas, outdoor activities such as hiking, biking, golf, and tennis, and wait—we're just beginning.

A host of gay/lesbian inns

Cultivated by Hollywood in the 1930s and 1940s, there has always been a gay and lesbian presence here. Beginning in the 1970s, an increasing number of gay and lesbian guesthouses sprang up to meet the needs of an ever-growing number of gay/lesbian visitors.

Now, the variety of gay/lesbian accommodations is great enough to meet all sorts of specifications and expectations.

Most of the guesthouses tend to be exclusively male, but there is one exclusively female inn—the Bee Charmer.

Most inns offer a complimentary breakfast, and sometimes lunch. You will generally find lushly landscaped pool and spa areas, often clothing optional; access to fitness facilities and massage opportunities. Places we like are the Triangle Inn, as it is a most well run operation; Bee Charmer Inn, great for women only, with a very inviting atmosphere; InnTrigue (with expansive facilities) and Chestnutz (with its made to order breakfasts). All rank high in the hospitality department.

The Aruba Apartments puts out the welcome mat for longer stays.

Most other Palm Springs accommodations have an all-welcome policy. Casa Cody has great breakfasts, grounds festooned with bougainvillea, a top-flight staff, and all furnished in Santa Fe décor. Villa Rosa is a vision in pink and is small and intimate. Large and self-sufficient, the very upscale Palm Springs Marquis is also headquarters for the annual White Party, held in late March or April. Mira Loma is comfortable, and has celebrity cachet. Room #3 was Marilyn Monroe's retreat—and she liked her mirrors big. The room still retains the big mirrors. Gloria Swanson (of *Sunset Boulevard* fame) also enjoyed the Mira Loma. And neither she, nor Ms. Monroe, had to sign the guest registers.

Celebrities everywhere

Hollywood's legacy is still very pervasive. In January, there is the Bob Hope Chrysler Golf Tournament, where until recently the late Victor Mature (*Samson & Delilah*) played every year. In late March or early April, there is the Dinah Shore golf tournament, when women from everywhere take over the town.

For celebrity-seeking, you can rent a bike, get a "movie star map," and check out where old Hollywood made its headquarters. First, pay your respects to the sculpture of Lucy—sitting on a bench in the heart of downtown. Then head over to the close-in Las Palmas residential area. Here you can find the (former) homes of Spencer Tracy, Lena Horne, Lucille Ball, Liberace, and Elvis. Elvis had a grand playroom of an estate. He and the boys would party and have musical jam sessions. Priscilla reportedly was not exactly welcome. Some of the homes are shrouded by manicured shrubbery; not unlike the manicured standard poodles taking walks with their look-alike masters.

Gay/lesbian nightlife

There is lively nightlife here. Popular bars include Streetscenes, C.C.Construction Company and Delilah's (for women). One block of East Arenas is devoted to high-profile gay emporiums. You have the Top Hat Theatre, which produced numerous gay-oriented productions. Next door is an excellent gay/lesbian coffeehouse, which serves as a clearinghouse for lots of useful information on goings-on. Across the street is Gay-Mart. Need we say more.

You can get up-to-date information from the local papers, the BOTTOM LINE and the DESERT DAILY GUIDE. Lots to do in this desert paradise; and lots not to do, if you just choose to lay in the sun by your pool.

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Top of the Line

The PBS program ***Frontline*** features a show titled **"Assault on Gay America,"** about the murder of Alabama's **Billy Jack Gaither** and other anti-gay assaults. The show airs Feb. 15.

Radio jock **Dr. Laura Schlesinger** started out a recent program saying she wasn't going to get into "the homosexual issue anymore. It has expanded itself. It's now bisexual, lesbian, gay and transgender. I mean, we're covering turf we never thought of before." She's against *all* hate-crime legislation, and launches into an incoherent rant on those issues. She proceeds to attack the new Chicago program to train mental health professionals on counseling GLBTs (see Local Roundup story this issue). She says: "Somebody who has a choice to make and doesn't make one? ... gay and transgender ... give me a breath, take them away—whatever. ... Does this mean that when they get their licenses to treat lesbians, bisexuals, gay and transgendered that if one of those people comes in and says, frankly, I want to be straight, I want to be the gender my biology made me—and I want to make a damned decision already and not be bi-anything—what will those therapists say to the client who asks for that treatment? They will say no. They have to. They are considering it unethical right now for gay people to go to a therapist and be treated by the therapist to go straight ... the lack of compassion, the narrow-minded agenda, is cruel ... ." Dr. Laura is cruel just to listen to, on 430 stations across the land.

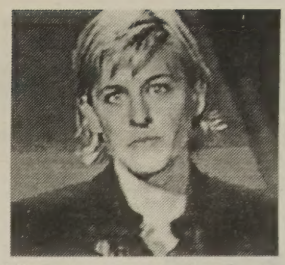
Dr. Laura is planning a TV show next fall, but **Paramount TV Co-President Frank Kelly** has agreed to meet with members of the **Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation** to address their concerns about the radio talk show host, who says homosexuality is "deviant" and "a biological error," and she advocates "reparative therapy." Paramount has signed up 85 percent of the country's TV markets for the daytime show.

Tinky's got a job

Suburban Chicago-based **McDonald's Corp.** is taking its gay-inclusive employment policies to the next step: they are employing the ***Teletubbies***, including purple **Tinky Winky**, for the masses. The chain has joined with **The Itsy Bitsy Entertainment Co.**, distributors of the Teletubbies toys, to give away toys at their U.S. and Canada stores soon.

More gays on the tube?

VARIETY reports that the success of **NBC's *Will & Grace*'** (aka ***Jack & Karen***) may open doors to more gay-themed primetime projects. CBS has OK'd production on a TV version of ***Kiss Me, Guido***, the story of a macho Italian who gets a gay roommate. VARIETY said Warner Bros. Television and **Jennifer Aniston** are developing a script based on **Gary Goldstein's** play ***Parental Discretion***, about an outspoken father who moves in with his gay adult son. Aniston will serve as an exec producer, while her father, **John** (*Days of Our Lives*), may star. CBS is also producing a pilot with **Ellen DeGeneres**, but it may or may not be gay—and CBS said it was OK either way.



Ellen when she won her Emmy.

Judge Anthony Kennedy described the incident as "truly shocking." Drake, who suffered severe head injuries, has only slight movement in his hands and arms and his speech remains garbled, Reuters said.

Atlanta baseball pitcher **John Rocker**, who was simply told by baseball's high and mighty to get some therapy instead of kicking him out or fining him for his racist and anti-gay comments, was at a pub in New Orleans recently. A person dumped a drink on him—and his angry response got him thrown out. It was the second time that night he had been thrown out of the bar. What a role model for the kids.

The world's first "gay-friendly" airline is being launched by a former British Caledonian steward, reports the LONDON EVENING STANDARD. **Freedom Airways** will fly out of Luton and Manchester airports. "With the gay rainbow flag as its insignia and an open-door policy towards all passengers, airline founder **Martin Langham** aims to provide the friendliest service in the skies," the paper reported.

That's entertainment

Openly lesbian tennis sensation **Amelie Mauresmo**, 20, dedicated her **Sydney International** victory last weekend to her partner and coach, **Sylvie Bourdon**, after beating three of the world's top players to take the title, reports the SUNDAY AGE newspaper. Mauresmo defeated **Mary Pierce** in a quarter-final and **Martina Hingis** in a semi before defeating **Lindsay Davenport** in the final to win only her second career title, the paper said. The Hingis victory was particularly sweet, since Hingis attacked Mauresmo's womanhood during the Australian Open last year.

Write it down ...

Sat., Jan. 22, is **Lesbian Community Cancer Project's 9th Coming Out Against Cancer** benefit gala, South Shore Cultural Center, 7059 S. Shore Dr., 7-midnite, (773) 561-4662. Entertainment, food, dancing, auction. MC Hysterical Women, DJ Lora Branch, performers Patty Elvis, Ripley Caine, Diana Laffey, Lynne Mandarino, Laurie Lee Moses, Lakeside Pride Freedom Band, and more. **Jackie Anderson** and I will be getting "Contributions to the Community" awards. This is LCCP's biggest benefit of the year, and a critical fundraiser for the organization.

Asians and Friends and the **Chicago Anti-Bashing Network** host a New Millennium Tempt-ASIAN fundraiser, at Spin, Belmont & Halsted, Sat., Jan. 22, (312) 409-1573, (773) 878-4781.

The **Lakeside Pride Freedom Band** is seeking conductors for its performing ensembles, which include a concert band, marching band, jazz ensemble, and a future orchestra. Call (773) 381-6693.

The **Rogers Park Gay and Lesbian Neighborhood Association** is the city's newest community-based group. Their first meeting is Feb. 6, 3 p.m., 6554 N. Bosworth. The boundaries are Lake Michigan to Kedzie, Devon north to Evanston. Call (773) 338-5600, RogersParkGLNA@aol.com.

The **Gerber-Hart Library and Archives** board of directors has elected 12 people to serve on the organization's board for the year 2000. **Don Landers** was elected president of the board. Filling out the board's executive committee: **Chuck Goes** was elected vice president of development; **Lynda Licina**, who edits Gerber-Hart's newsletter among other duties, was elected vice-president of communications; and **David Perez-Hernandez** was elected vice-president of programming. In addition, **Bill David** was elected secretary, and **Karen O'Connor** was elected to another term as treasurer. Other members of the new board (with their areas of responsibility in parentheses) include: **Sukie de la Croix** (public relations chairman), **Wendy Todd** (grant-writing committee chairwoman), **Ray Martinez** (head of volunteer recruiting), **Donald Nagolski** (head of library operations), **Michael Hemmes** (grants) and **Susan Burnell**, Gerber-Hart's general operations manager.

The flu going around struck the home of the **Capricorn Party** last weekend. The "quarantine" sent folks over to **Star Gaze**—thanks Maime and Dusty, for absorbing the masses.

Deep Inside Hollywood

by Romeo San Vicente

RuPaul Hits the Slopes

Drag queens doing the **Sundance** thing this month should keep their eyes peeled for **RuPaul**. The fierce and fabulous diva and MAC makeup spokesmodel will be in Utah for the premiere of the documentary, ***The Eyes of Tammy Faye***, about another makeup enthusiast, **Tammy Faye Bakker-Messner**.

Narrated by RuPaul, the film is a look at the rise and fall of the excessively mascaraed evangelist; it's screening in the festival's documentary competition.

From Homo to Hoboken

Indie film queen **Lili Taylor**, who played **Catherine Zeta-Jones's** lesbian lover in ***The Haunting***, as well as a woman-loving would-be assassin in ***I Shot Andy Warhol***, isn't one to be typecast. She plays straight in her next role, as a New Jersey hausfrau in ***Julie Johnson***, a new film from ***Niagara, Niagara*** director **Bob Gosse**. Based on a play by **Wendy Hammond**, *Johnson* centers on the story of a cop's wife (Taylor) raising two children in Hoboken who takes a night school computer class that changes her life in ways she could never have predicted. The film is expected to start production this spring in New York.

A Duet to Dye For?

Anyone who's baffled by **Ricky Martin's** recent blond dye job will find the latest theory behind the lightened locks interesting. The Menudo member-emeritus is rumored to be hard at work on a top-secret project: a duet with **George Michael**. No stranger to *la vida loca* himself, the queer British crooner, who mocked his own arrest for restroom cruising in the video for his tune "Outside," has enlisted Ricky's help in his latest effort. The video for the duet will have Martin spoofing Michael (thus the "Wham!"-like 'do) and a darkened Michael returning the favor. Michael is said to be penning the video's hip-hop tune in hopes of getting Ricky into the studio with him as soon as possible, with a London-based shoot soon to follow.

Too Busy for the Super Bowl

Madonna, scheduled to give a much-hyped debut performance of her new single—a remake of **Don McLean's** classic **"American Pie"**—during the **Super Bowl** pregame show Jan. 30, has backed out at the last minute, claiming she's too busy in the studio working on her next album. While the Material Girl has bailed, pregame performances are still scheduled from **Tina Turner** and **Travis Tritt**. And gayboys will have something to enjoy at halftime, too, when they can check out the charms of Latino pop star **Enrique Iglesias**, sure to be the hottest thing Atlanta's seen since Sherman torched the place. Also on the halftime roster: teen queen **Christine Aguilera** and golden oldie **Phil Collins**.

Kickers in Knickers

Victoria Adams, a.k.a. **Posh Spice**, recently confessed on England's ***Big Breakfast*** TV show that her hunk of a hubby, blond British soccer stud **David Beckham**, likes to wear her undies, especially the thongs! Can't wait for those sleazy Brit tabloids get a picture of Victoria's newly revealed secret!

Nathan Lane: Streetwalker

Gay actor **Nathan Lane** is one of five celebrity hosts in the upcoming PBS documentary series ***Great Streets***, which will feature stars giving tours of some of the world's best-known thoroughfares (expected this fall). Lane will point out the beauties of **Venice's Grand Canal** (no, I don't think that's some gondolier's nickname—or is it?). Other segments include **Halle Berry** strolling along the Champs Elysees, and **Randy Newman** showing L.A.'s Sunset Boulevard.

WORLD from 10

"Over the last 2,000 years, church teaching has led to hundreds of millions of homosexuals worldwide being rejected and reviled by their families, driven to depression and suicide, discriminated against by anti-gay laws, and condemned to death for sodomy," said OutRage!'s John Hunt.

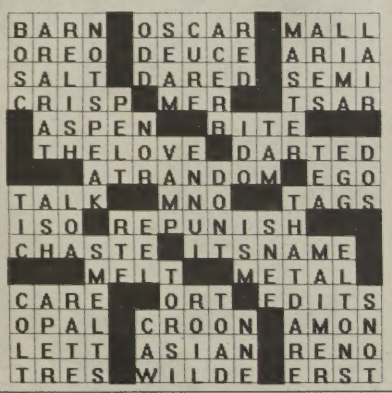
"The celebratory, triumphalist tone of the National Millennium Service is an insult to the millions of queers who have suffered as a result of Christian intolerance. None of the churches have ever shown any remorse for their persecution of gay people. We call on Archbishop Carey to express his regret for the pain inflicted on homosexuals by the church, and urge him to offer his apologies to the gay community."

KENYAN WOMEN DIVORCE

The South African Press Agency reported Jan. 7 that a court in Western Kenya allowed a woman to divorce her wife due to "cruelty and violence."

The report said that among the Kisii people of Kenya's western highlands, widows who have never borne a son and are too old to reproduce can marry a younger woman who is then expected to get pregnant via sex with a man and produce an heir for the older woman. Kisii women have no inheritance rights.

Nyoero Ongori married Mary Orang'o eight years ago. "She beat me up, beat my daughters and never brought a son to the house," Ongori told the court.



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CBLG organizers, from left: Sherri Jackson, Shelton Watson, Lora Branch, Donna Johnson and Israel Wright.

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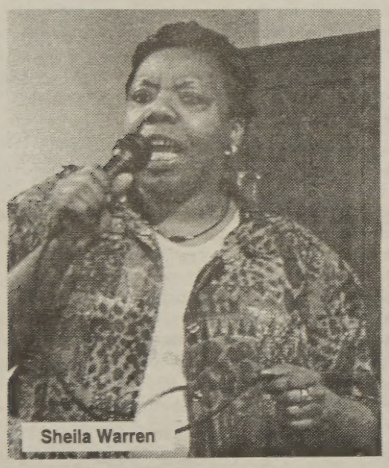

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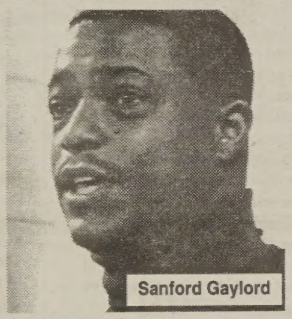

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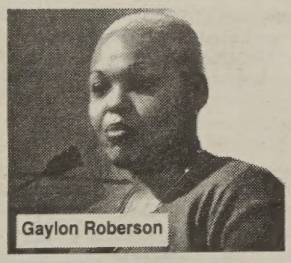

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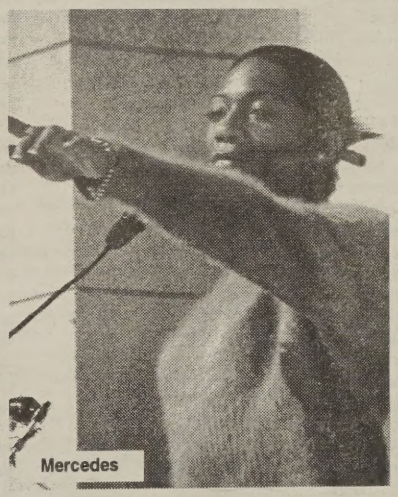

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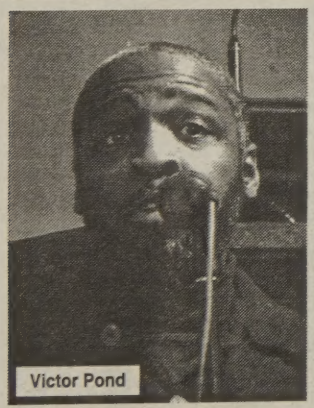

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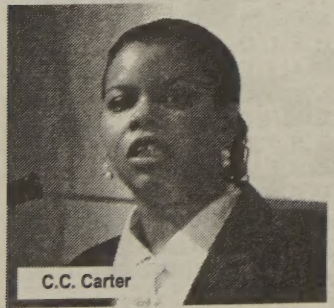

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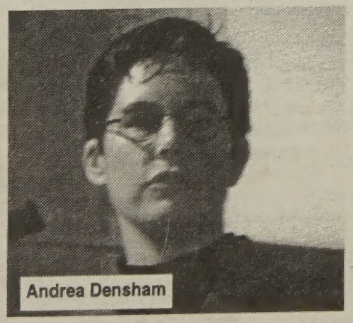

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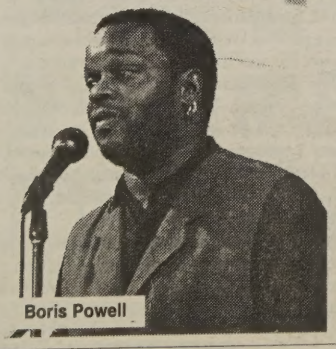

Boris Powell

CBLG King Breakfast attracts record crowd

The 5th Annual Chicago Black Lesbians and Gays Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Breakfast attracted a record crowd Monday, Jan. 17. The event, held for the second year in a row at Church of the Open Door, 5954 S. Albany, drew an estimated 300 people for breakfast, drumming, readings and performances by a variety of lesbian, gay, bi and trans Chicagoans.

The packed church even surprised co-hosts Donna Johnson and Israel Wright, and the program went into the early afternoon—ending just as Chicago's first snowfall of this winter was getting underway. Chicago Black Lesbians and Gays co-chairs are Lora Branch and Shelton Watson. Co-sponsors of the event included Bristol Myers Squibb, MOCHA 2000, Lambda Publications/BLACKLINES, Church of the Open Door, Chef Tania, Blackberry Ltd., All On One Mini Mart, Susan Stanley, Carl Branch, Phil Corrington, LesBiGay Radio, and all of the speakers and performers.

This year's crowd may have been attracted by the event's diverse line-up of performers, an attempt to build coalitions with a variety of groups and individuals. There were dozens of GLBT groups represented at the event. While performers Sukie de la Croix and Lynnell S. Long were sick with the flu, others who did perform or read were: Sanford Gaylord, Donna Rose, Sheila Warren, Andrea Densham, Bruce Edwards, Gaylon Roberson, Lupe Lopez, Sharmilli Majmudar, Borris Powell (as Coretta Scott King), Juanita Crespo, Victor Pond, and C.C. Carter. All of the works were very well received, as was the performance of the Oak Park Area Women's Drumming Circle. Carter did a GLBT interpretation of King's famous 1963 March on Washington "I Have A Dream" speech (look for it in an upcoming BLACKLINES), and many of the speakers alluded to famous remarks by Dr. King.

Church of the Open Door pastor Karen Hutt closed the program with a challenge to the GLBT community to form a coalition to create a charter school for GLBT youth, an idea met with great enthusiasm. She welcomed transgendered 17-year-old activist Mercedes to the podium to speak about her experience of harassment at school—part of the reason Mercedes dropped out of high school. Hutt said a charter school is needed to help youth like Mercedes receive an education. Church of the Open Door is also going to house a homeless shelter next winter.

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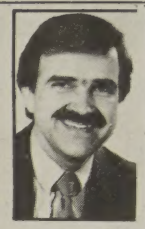

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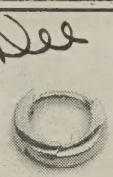

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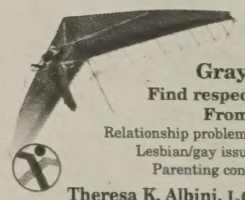

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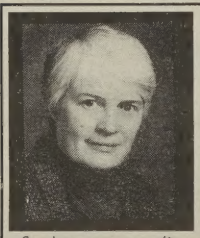

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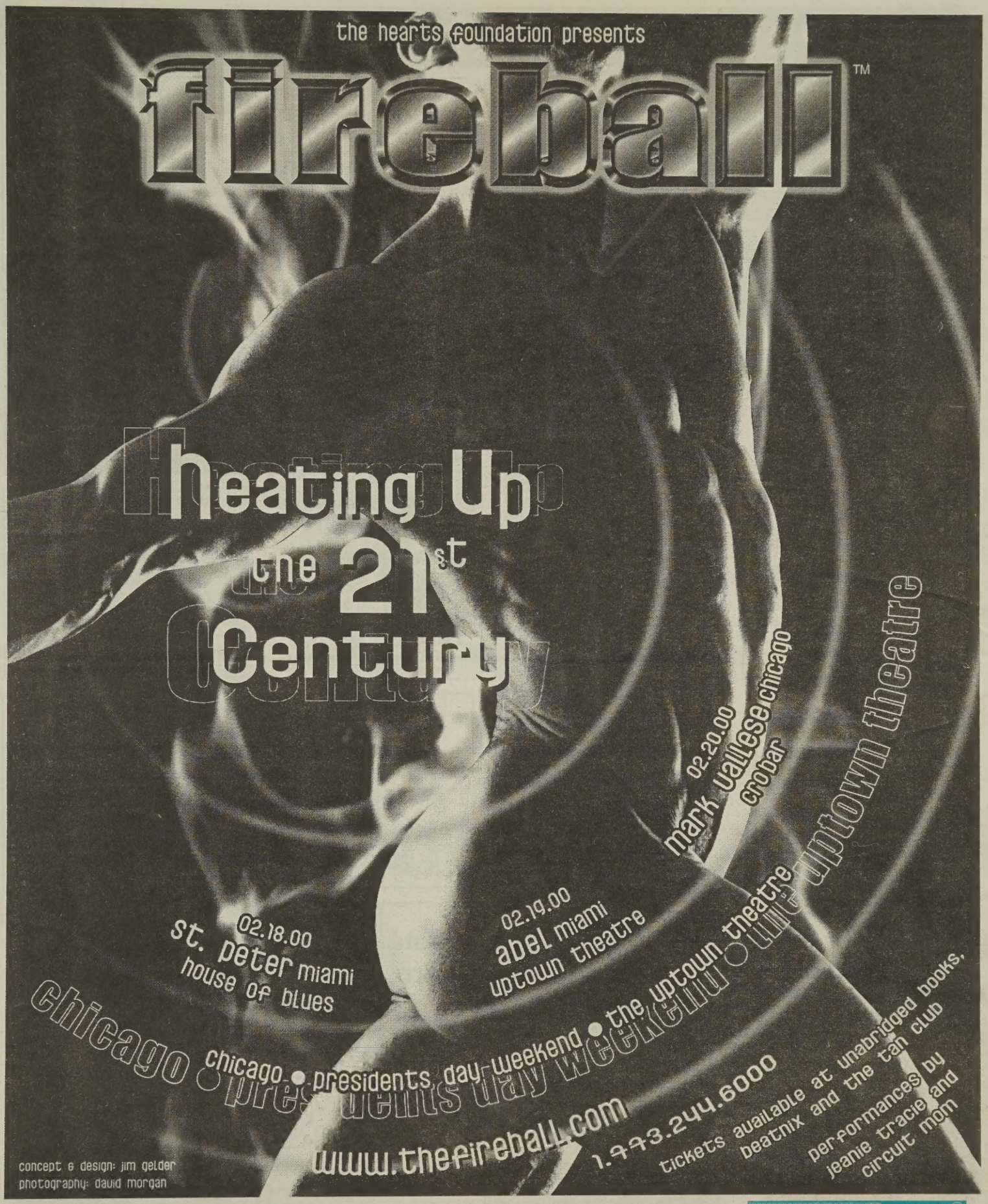

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